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Premier Of Iran Resigns

Tehran, Apr. 27. Premier Ala Hussein handed his resignation to the Shah on Friday night after the Iranian parliament recommended the expulsion of the Iranian oil company. Mr Hussein's resignation followed a warning by the British Ambassador, Sir Francis Shepherd, that there might be "most serious and far-reaching consequences" if Iran tried to renege on the oil company's contract. Meanwhile it was reported from Shiraz that an explosion occurred there and that part of the city was still ablaze. There were no further details. Thirty-seven persons were reported arrested in Teheran after one demonstration.—United Press.

Every Building In Gibraltar Damaged

DISASTROUS EXPLOSION

Gibraltar, Apr. 27. At least six people were killed and hundreds were injured when a British Navy ammunition ship blew up here today. The explosion damaged every building on the famous fortified Rock. Eyewitnesses tonight said that the soaring mushroom of flame and smoke which followed the blast reminded them of pictures of the atomic tests on Bikini. Huge steel plates from the ship, the 1,192-ton Bedenham, were hurled sky high and far away. One piece weighing about two tons hit the Garrison Library. Others struck cathedrals and private homes, causing great havoc.

Women, cut and bloodstained by smashing windows, picked up their babies and rushed into the street, screaming. "First came a series of small explosions, then a giant blast. The explosion shook the Rock. It shook La Linea, a neighbouring Spanish town, and it even rattled windows in Algiers, three miles from Gibraltar across the Bay. Hundreds of people were treated on the spot for injuries and shock or rushed to hospital. Many school-children were said to have been hurt by broken glass.

The Bedenham, a supply vessel, was laden with explosives when she went up. She arrived here on Tuesday with a crew of 26 men of the Merchant Navy. Tonight the vessel was half sunk and only part of her stern visible. But it was not known what had happened to the crew. The cause of the explosion remained uncertain.

One version told to Reuters was that a fire broke out in a lighter alongside the Bedenham while ammunition was being unloaded at the gun wharf inside the Admiralty Harbour. Firemen were fighting the flames when several small explosions occurred, culminating in a tremendous blast—as the Bedenham, herself was shattered. The lighter also blew up.

RUN FOR COVER

Workmen ran for cover as shells in the Bedenham began to explode. Glass began to fly and Gibraltar and La Linea were plunged into shadow when smoke spiralled into the sky from the ship. Some people made for air-raid shelters. Among the injured were 14 Spanish workmen who were taken to La Linea, where panic gripped the people. Something like 7,000 of La Linea's 60,000 inhabitants work in Gibraltar going over each morning and returning at night.

The blast was seen clearly from Algiers. Eyewitnesses said that there was a loud silence for a few seconds after the big explosion. Then a great column of smoke soared up nearly to the top of the Rock's 1,396-foot crest. It expanded outwards like a great mushroom or umbrella. One report said that the explosion was caused by an aviation bomb breaking free from a crane while being hoisted from the Bedenham and falling back among other munitions in the hold. When the explosion occurred people in Spain reported seeing an aircraft flying over Gibraltar. It was seen to plunge violently after the explosion, then to swoop and return again. This was the first impression that Gibraltar had been bombed and people panicked until the truth became known. An official statement on the explosion is expected from Gibraltar tomorrow.—Reuter.

UN TROOPS FALL BACK ON SEOUL

Chinese Regroup To Deal New Blows

Victorious Chinese columns regrouped last night as a prelude to the second phase of their all-out offensive while Allied troops, taking advantage of the breathing space, fell back in drenching rains toward Seoul. The flash of frontline artillery fire could be clearly seen from the near-destroyed South Korean capital despite the weather.

United Nations soldiers, who have been disengaging from contact with the Communists for the past two days, were withdrawing through Uijongbu. The fate of Uijongbu itself was not known but its fall was expected hourly.

Communist troops also advanced on Seoul along a parallel route from Munsan, but this appeared to be a secondary advance. The Chinese Communists were here about 15 miles from the city.

Thousands of fresh Chinese Communists were reported to be moving southward toward the central front, passing through badly crippled and exhausted Communist divisions which began the offensive last Sunday night and in less than a week's time have suffered losses unprecedented in terms of the Korean war.

Rain spread along the entire 100-mile front yesterday as Allied troops crowded aboard jeeps and trucks and less lucky ones trudged along muddy roads, filtering south in a steady column.

Except for rearwards and parts of some units cut off in the initial Communist assault the main body of the United Nations forces have been out of contact with the Chinese for nearly two days as they fell back to new positions from which to withstand later enemy attacks.

In all cases the withdrawals were orderly and Allied troops, as if by this time grown accustomed to the ups and downs of the war in Korea, were in good spirits. Feeling among United Nations commanders that the Communist offensive will be contained appears to have filtered down through the ranks and in yesterday's retreat there was little of the gloom and confusion which characterized last winter's withdrawal from North Korea.

JOUCULAR SIGN

A sign at the side of a bridge which American combat engineers had just before falling off for the south gave an indication of the near-jocularly with which Allied troops are fighting.

Someone had chalked on a sign a parody of the currently popular American novelty song — "If I'd Known You Were Coming I'd Baked Some Rice". In the centre of the line United Nations troops were falling back to defend the Seoul-Chuncheon highway to which the Communists had fought a way three days ago only to be hurled back by British and other United Nations troops. Without this lateral supply route no defence of the centre of the peninsula in the proximity of the 38th Parallel is possible.

Chances that United Nations would defend Seoul were slight unless there is a rapid change in the overall situation. Reporting from Seoul last night, a Reuter's correspondent said that Chinese Communists, advancing down the Uijongbu corridor hard on the heels of the withdrawing United Nations troops, were within artillery range of the Southern capital.

BITTER FIGHTING

British and American artillery leap-frogged each other in holding back the Chinese advance yesterday morning at Uijongbu, while long lines of Allied troops, tramped through drizzling rain towards new positions north of the Han River. Further to the west, American troops fought back bitterly when advancing Communist hit hard at Hoi's post.

Throughout yesterday on the western front Allied troops also where broke contact. Frontline officers claimed yesterday that the Communists had slowed up to permit re-grouping and to allow strengthening of supply lines. Meanwhile, Seoul, which had begun to come to life yesterday, to the fall of a dead city again as its temporary population trumped southwards.—Reuter.

4,000 Men Stop Work

London, Apr. 27. Four thousand men in two vital British defence industries — docks and arms — making — stopped work today over claims for more pay and better conditions.

London's vast Woolwich Arsenal, where tank production is to start soon, slowed down to a standstill as 2,000 skilled workers stayed away. They want more pay and are protesting against one man's refusal to join their trade union.

At Manchester Docks, ship-loading stopped when 2,300 dockers walked out in a boycott of overtime work. Unofficial strike leaders in the docks, encouraged by the Government's failure to get a Court ruling against a similar stoppage early this year announced that they would ask for support from other ports. A strike delegation has already gone to Liverpool.—Reuter.

Festival Of Britain Opening

HK To Be Represented

(Our Own Correspondent)

London, Apr. 27. Mr U Tat Chee, leader of the Hongkong delegation to the British Industries Fair, and Mr E.G.A. Grimwood, Hongkong Government representative in London, will be official guests at the opening of the Festival of Britain, South Bank site, by the King on Friday.

Work on the Hongkong stand at the BIF is now well advanced and despite last-minute delay in clearing exhibits through the customs, the Colony's shop window will be well dressed for Monday's opening. Among new exhibits this year will be a blackwood table which Mr U Tat Chee later hopes to present to Queen Mary.

Special arrangements are being made to enable all the 120 delegates and visitors from Hongkong to see the Royal Family when they visit Earls Court on Tuesday.

As in previous years, a visit to the heavy industry section of the BIF at Birmingham is being arranged and it is also hoped that the delegates will be able to inspect one or two large factories during their tour of the Midlands. The Hongkong delegation met the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr James Griffiths, this evening at an informal reception at Lancaster House to welcome them to Britain.

Magnuson And HK's Refugees

THINKS IRO CAN HELP PROBLEM

Senator Magnuson believes it is possible to help relieve Hongkong's refugee problem through the IRO, and one of the reasons for his visit to the Colony has been to investigate for himself the prospects.

He told the China Mail yesterday that he intends to advise the United States Government on whether it would be practical to continue the activities of the International Relief Organisation in the Far East, with Hongkong as its base of operations. The Senator pointed out that the process of checking up on the records of these refugees in order to be able to make recommendations was a difficult task.

He realised that the displaced persons in the Colony were costing Government \$8,000 a day for food, and he felt that in the event of an emergency here the presence of these refugees would place a heavy strain on the water supply and other services.

5,000 IN S'HAH

The Senator revealed that the number of non-Communist people from Communist territories in the Far East is a growing problem—5,000 are awaiting transfer from the Shanghai area alone.

According to IRO information the Communists are willing to allow them to leave, but the overriding difficulty is to provide ships for them.

The Senator feels that it is here where members of the IRO could serve a big purpose. The United States, he said, has taken 327,000 DPs from Europe and she was able to take more. Africa and South America had also expressed a willingness to absorb displaced persons.

Senator Magnuson said he felt the IRO was the proper body to deal with non-Communist DPs in the Far East and that it could function better from Hongkong than elsewhere in the Pacific.

When the Senator was referred to the petition of the refugees at Renwick Mill which has been addressed to President Truman, he said that he thought there could be no question of the United States taking in DPs and training them as troops for another nation.

On the question of Hongkong's trade with the China mainland, Senator Magnuson said he had not completed his inquiries and therefore was in no position to make any comment.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Britain And Raw Materials

AN EURIN Bevan's ill-judged decision to rupture his association with Labour's agreed official policy, that of permitting intensification of Britain's defence programme at the expense of already low national living standards, has served one useful purpose. At least it has brought widely into the open the tendency in some quarters to search United States activities with a highly critical eye. Much of the criticism has been well-eyed and misguided. Some of it has been prompted by a feeling akin to envy—as, for instance, comparison of the austerity inflicted on the British people by war's ravages with America's apparently scot-free emergence from the storm. Mr Bevan's charge that the rearmament programme is so costly that it cannot be carried through without wrecking the social welfare structure was bolstered by the observation that American stock-piling of strategic raw materials on a colossal scale has forced prices to preposterous heights and created a fictitious scarcity, threatening British internal economy. Behind this line of attack is a certain amount of reasoning. It is true that a danger exists, that serious shortage of supplies could undermine Britain's defence build-up, and incidentally defeat America's primary object. Excessively high prices could involve enormous new expenditure without an increase in effective war potential. It may be true, up to a point, that the United States continues to be extravagant, in a time of international emergency, in permitting strategic materials to be diverted for civilian consumption. No doubt exists, however, that Mr Bevan has been completely superficial in analysis, and has been carried away by his own ebullience. The British people do not flinch from facing harsh facts and it is to the credit of the British Government that it has never painted a rozier picture than the facts warrant. Austerity was the accepted

condition in Britain during and since the war; a generation has grown up without knowing anything but strictly rationed food, hard living, the sacrifice of consumer goods in England in order to earn hard currency by exporting them abroad. By doing without, the country has been able to dispense with Marshall Aid and ended the last financial year with a favourable trade balance. Normally, the population could expect to relax from the long strain. For that matter, in normal circumstances, Britain would be on the high road to prosperity. But, as things are, there is no such prospect. The price of rearmament is a further tightening of the belt. The most promised by Mr Gaitskell is maintenance of the present hard-won solvency at the cost of more hardship, further sacrifice and a drop in living standards. To people who have stood the pinch so long, the tightening of the screw must be painful. But the Bevan complaint that the United States is forcing the pace is without basis. All intelligent people are aware that the Soviet Government alone is responsible for preventing the rest of the world from settling down to the ways of peace. The excessive stock-piling accusation might easily provoke the rejoinder that, in the event of a third world war, heavy concentration of vital materials in the United States would offer the soundest guarantee of a victorious outcome, once the first hammer-blows had been contained. Mr Herbert Morrison's tribute to American foresight and Mr Acheson's assurance that full account will be taken of the essential needs of other friendly nations, for basic economic and for defence, need no reiteration. The appropriate allocation of scarce materials to zones where the need is greatest calls for a spirit of co-operation. What Mr Bevan seems to have overlooked is the certainty that this will not be lacking.

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"THEATRE" is in the blood of these moppets. Instead of going outside and playing during time offstage, they watch as two senior students rehearse.



THERE'S a lot of work to becoming an actor with the Young Players Theatre, some of it going into keeping the barn swept clean.

TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STAR

Talented Youngsters Step Behind the Footlights
and Perform all of the Roles in an Adult Play

THE tremendous success of youngsters on the Broadway stage has led to the opening of a novel school in Westport, Conn. Struck by the teen-agers' talented performances, two ex-Marine officers—female division—have formed the Young Players Theatre. Their aim is not primarily to train juveniles for the professional stage but to develop a repertory company of children.

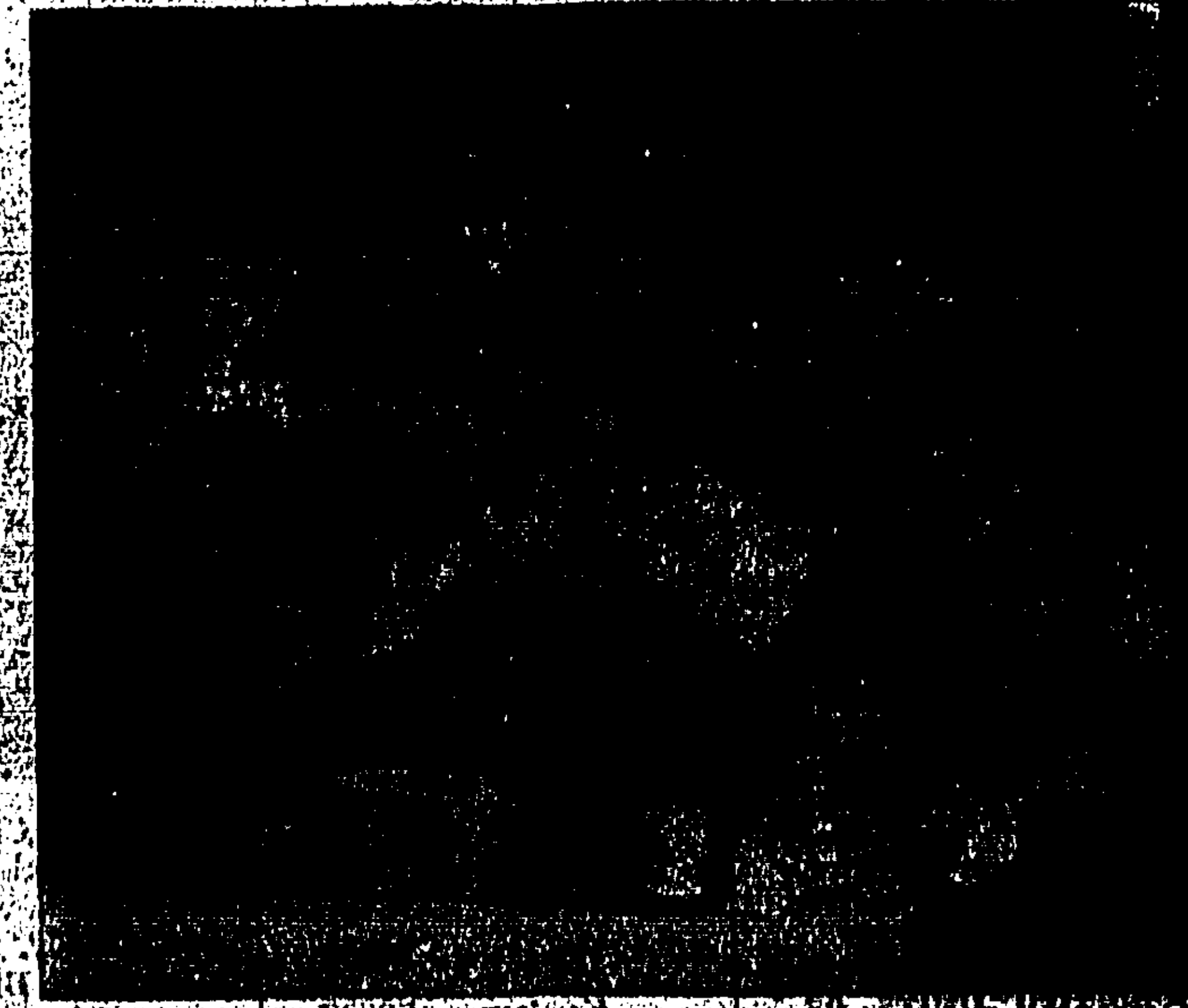
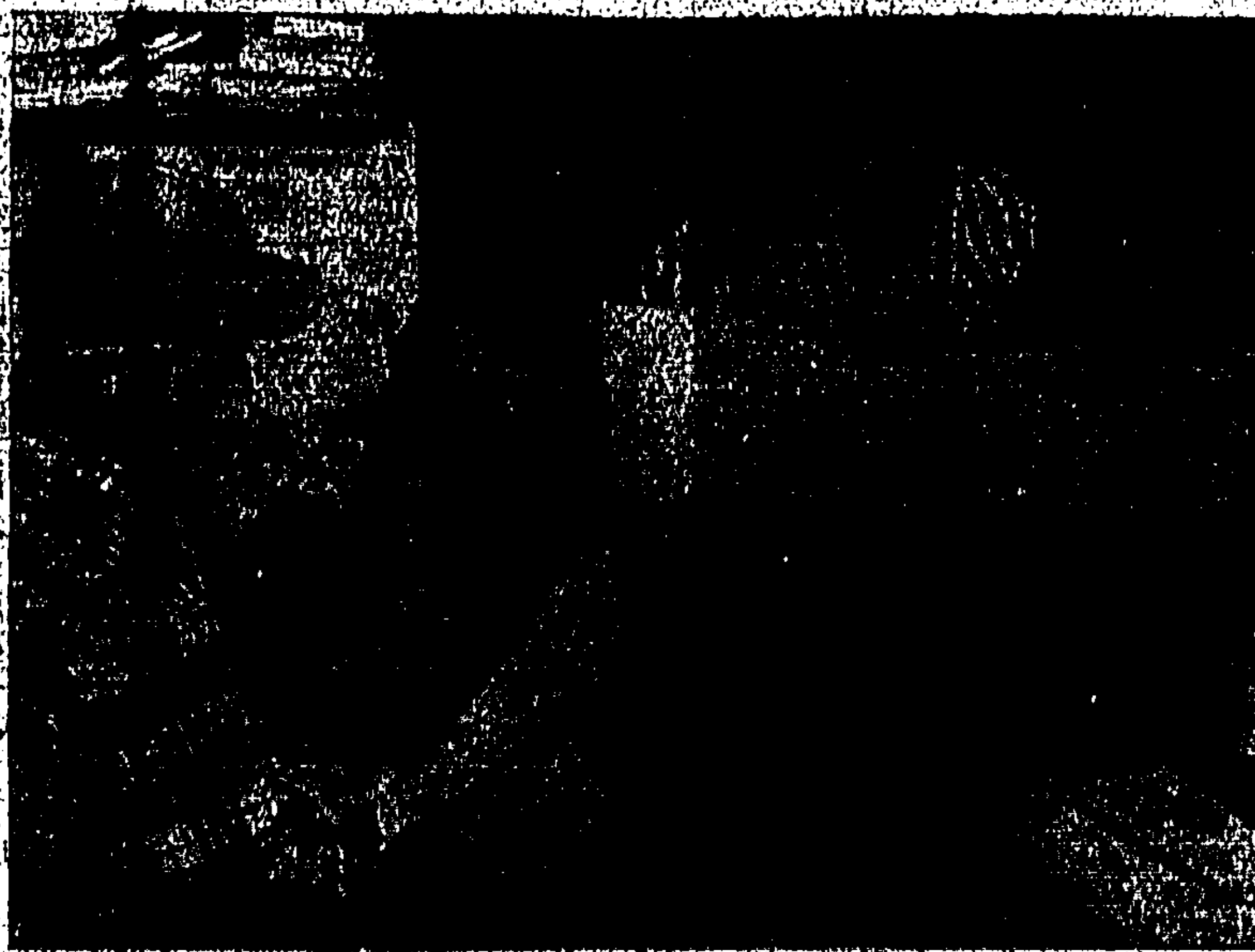
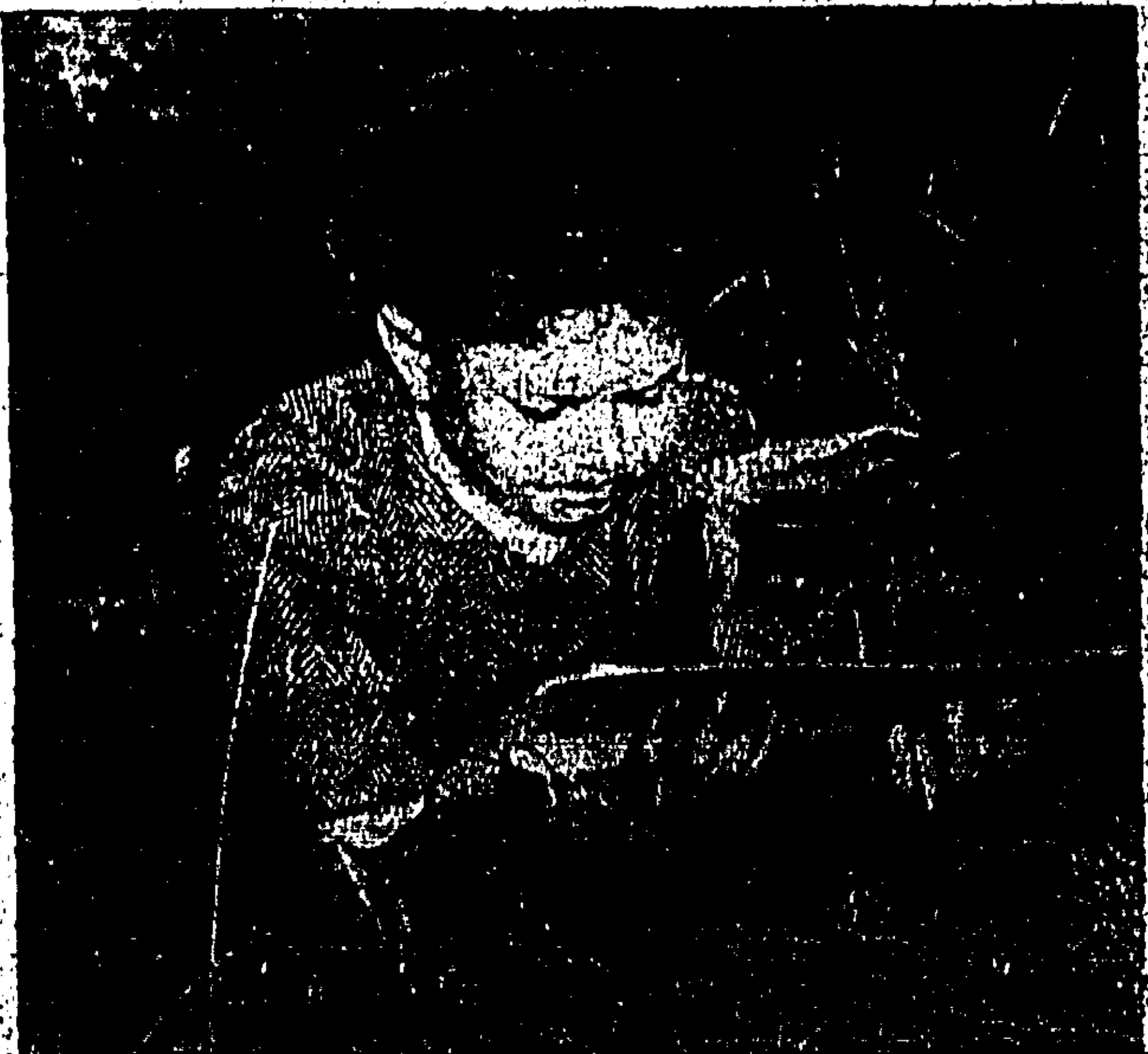
Before a child is enrolled, the fledgling thespian is given an audition by the two producers, Virginia Y. O'Meara and Carol Laidlaw. Natural ability and willingness to keep nose to script are requisites for acceptance.

After the budding actor-to-be has learned the basic fundamentals, he may try out for any adult part. Usually, the fourteens and up capture the leads, while those 13 and below play the featured roles. The youngsters are kept on stage as much as possible, but also attend regular classes in pantomime and improvisation, make-up, stage management and scene designing. Suggestions are encouraged. Sometimes, their interpretation of a part is used in preference to what the author intended.

The theatre is housed in a red barn, perennial symbol of the summer playhouse, which the future "Barrymores" maintain. In their case, it means sweeping up, keeping chairs arranged and moving props. Students help to design and paint sets, make posters, sell tickets.



FRONT ROW ORCHESTRA is occupied by a group of students during a rehearsal of Quality Street. Later, in class, they will discuss what they observed as a help to the actors and as reminders of what not to do.



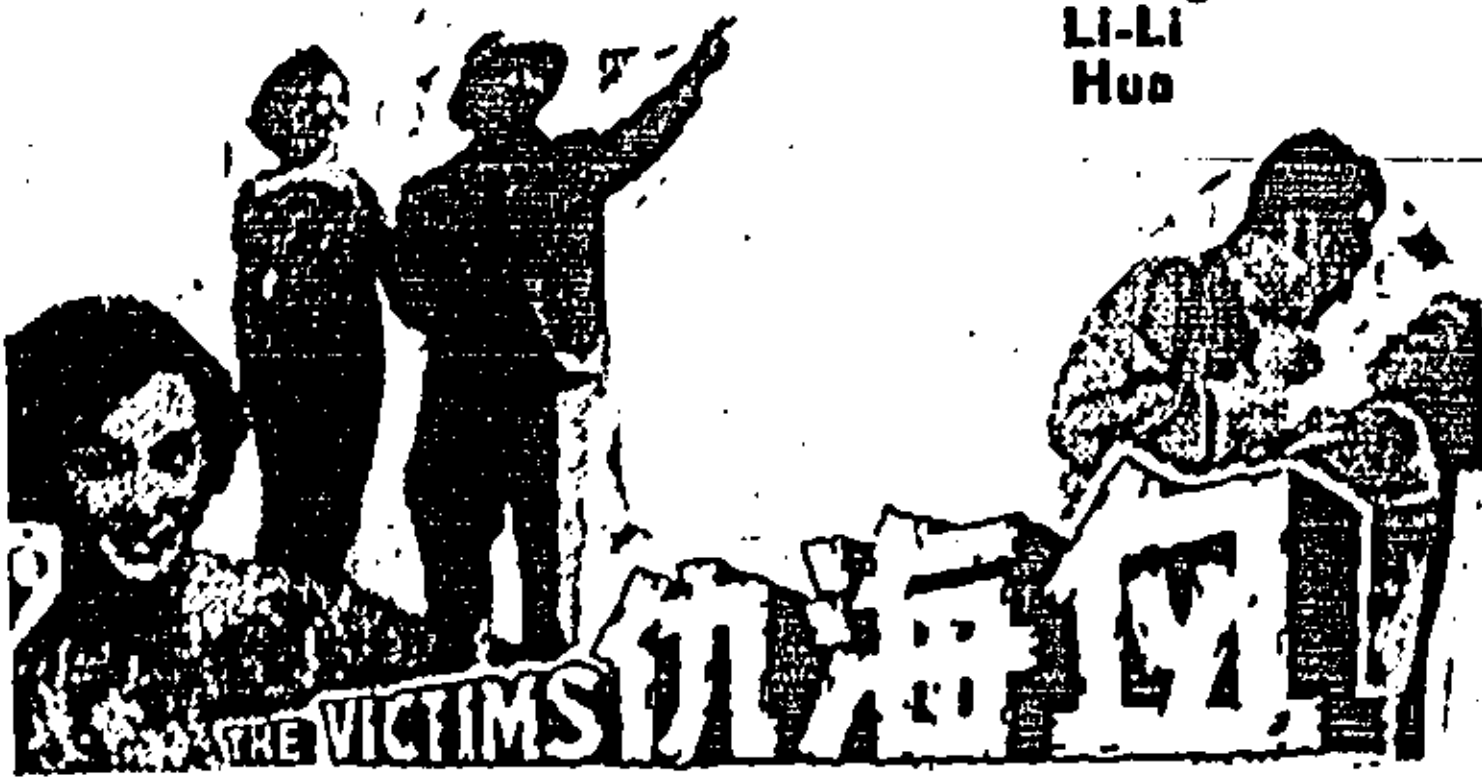
BETWEEN SCENES, the Young Players Theatre indoor art and outdoor playhouse, which the future "Barrymores" maintain. In their case, it means sweeping up, keeping chairs arranged and moving props. Students help to design and paint sets, make posters, sell tickets.

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One More Maugham Film

Title of the new Somerset Maugham picture which is to follow the record-breaking "Quartet" and "Trio" will be "Encore." Produced by Antony Darnborough, who made the two earlier pictures, it will comprise more of Maugham's world famous short stories: Gigolo and Gigollette, The Ant and the Grasshopper and Winter Cruise.

Production starts later this month when a unit will go to the South of France to film Maugham speaking the foreword in the grounds of his Cap Ferrat villa and to obtain background material for the picture.

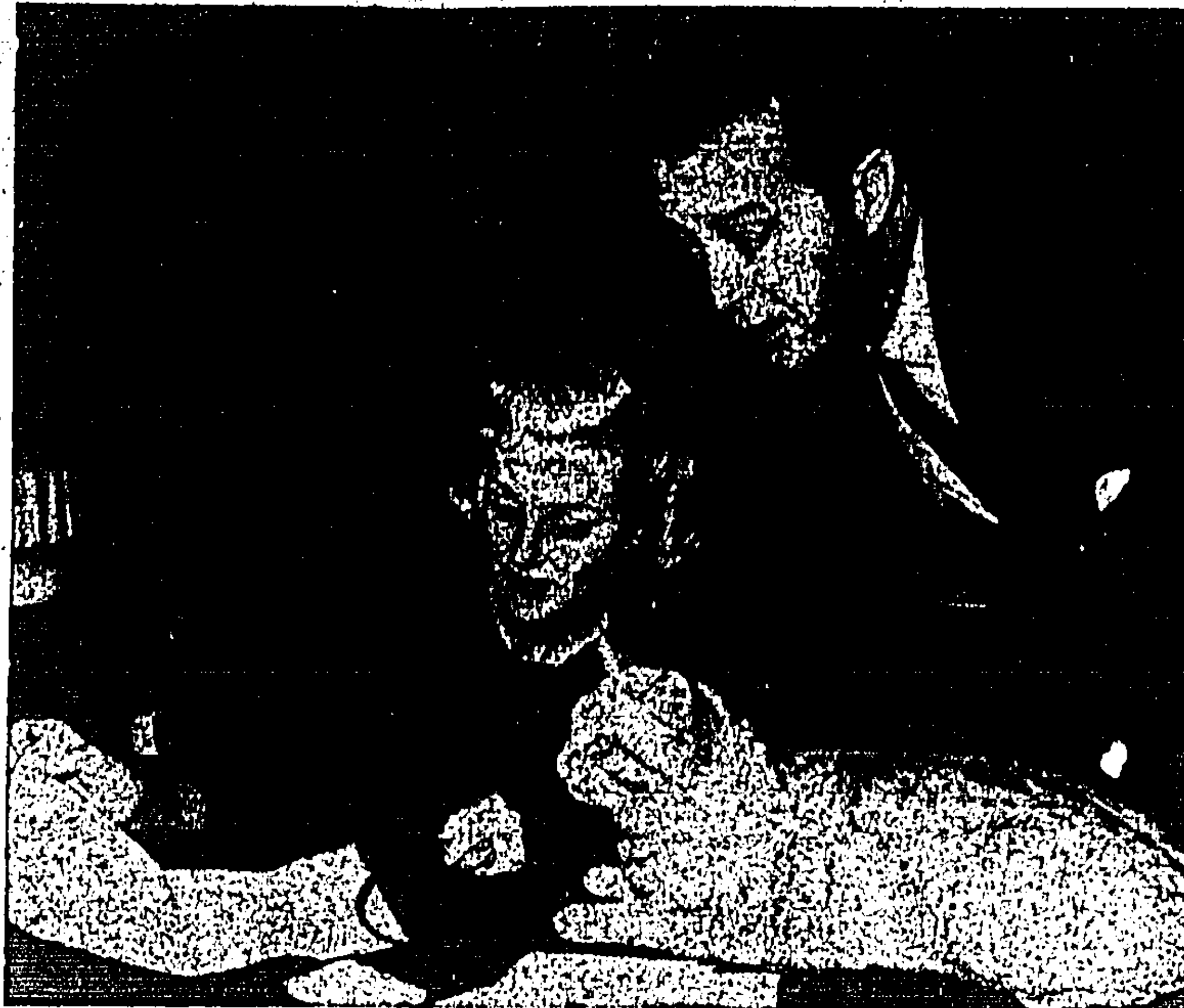
As already announced, attractive Glynis Johns, who is at present co-starring with David Niven in Betty Box's exciting adventure story "Appointment with Venus" in Sark, will star in "Gigolo and Gigollette," which is to be the longest episode in "Encore." Harold French, who directed the moving "Sanatorium" sequence in "Trio," will direct "Gigolo and Gigollette."

Cast in the leading role in "Winter Cruise" is talented Kay Walsh, who made such an outstanding hit as Nancy in "Oliver Twist." Kay is now taking part in the Festival film, "The Magic Box." This is the story of Frise-Greene, the inventor of cinematography. Most of the great names of the British screen will appear in this film, including Sir Laurence Olivier and Sir Ralph Richardson. Robert Donat is starring as the inventor.

"Winter Cruise" will be directed by Anthony Pelissier, whose last assignment was "Night Without Stars," romantic, exciting drama, set in the South of France, starred David Farrar and lovely Nadia Gray.

The third episode in "Encore," "The Ant and the Grasshopper," will be directed by Pat Jackson, who has just completed "White Corridors" at Pinewood.

HOLLYWOOD'S FIRST FELINE STAR



Rhubarb, Hollywood's first feline star, goes over his contract with his co-stars, Jan Sterling, left, and Ray Milland. The four-legged cat-actor will play the part of a tough alley cat who inherits \$30,000,000 and a baseball team in a picture to be made by Paramount.

Smith & Drummond SHOW TALKING

Lonely Judy Starts All Over Again

In London is little Frances Gumm, who, as Judy Garland, has been a storm-tossed on the waves of life—ever since she was old enough to sing for her supper.

In her case eight years was old enough. She toured in vaudeville, playing two houses a night, at the age when her contemporaries were playing at houses in the mornings.

For fifteen hectic years she has been at the top with the dazzling spotlights of publicity tearing at her nerves.

Now the child film star who achieved the near-impossible by remaining a star through adolescence to womanhood is in Britain to begin again—alone.

There were no cohorts of publicity men from the studio waiting for her when she landed at Plymouth.

★ **WHEN THE NERVES** which gave her the temperament for the climb to the top collapsed under the strain, the crash made headlines round the world.

Her studio suspended her, re-instated her, suspended her again and finally bade her a reluctant farewell.

Now she must begin again at her beginnings—in vaudeville. But the way ahead need not be rough.

If those over-tired nerves recover, in the calmer, saner atmosphere of London, and if the Palladium audiences acclaim her film offers will come cascading through her letter box. She is still potentially the best "musical" star in the business.

The studios know it—and as soon as the all-clear sounds the bidding will start.

Mutual aid and poetic justice will be nicely combined if she forsakes Hollywood and signs up with the British studio that wants her to start in a musical with the Palladium as a background.

★ **THE LAVA OF TEMPER-** ment has erupted from the volcanic Bette Davis, too, from time to time. Talking to her last week—we recalled the last time we met in Britain.

That was way back in 1939 when we were all a bit younger. Raw and inexperienced, we were nervously trying to conduct the interview while she strode to and fro humming because she had just lost a lawsuit to Warner Brothers, who were granted an injunction restraining her from making a British film.

We made some trite remark about the risks she ran in burning her bridges behind her. "Rubbish," she snapped. "Burn your bridges behind you every time if you want to be a success. It's the best way of not going back."

His explanation for the change is a gem of understatement: "Simply a matter of money. I want something to leave for my kids."

MATTER OF MONEY

A COUPLE of weeks ago we reported that Alan Ladd was negotiating a new contract with Paramount, his present employer, which would net him close on \$750,000 for 14 pictures—which works out at \$53,000 a time.

Now The Golden Boy has changed his mind. He will say goodbye to Paramount when his present contract expires and team up with Warner, who will have the privilege of paying him \$71,400 a picture, plus 10 per cent of the gross for the next ten years.

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The champagne crowd pep up the Riviera

CANNES.

THE Riviera is basking at the moment in the watery rays of Britain's increased tourist allowance. This increase has restored to the South of France for the first time since the war its cherished winter season.

True, it is an austerity version of the prewar winter season. It does not make much difference to the casinos, but has made all the difference to the languishing hotel trade of the coast.

For the dominant economic fact about the Riviera is that it cannot live without the British middle classes. It was the British middle-class visitor escaping regularly for two or three months from the rigours of a British winter—the retired Army officer or civil servant or elderly widow of independent means—who was the basis of the Riviera's prosperity.

★ French hotel-keepers are happy again as the English—with more francs to spend—help them back to prosperity.

by SAM WHITE

should try my man, he will get you eight to one for your Swiss francs instead of the seven to one at the American Express." Over at the casinos the faint cathedral hush still hangs over gaming tables, but the betting is modest. The casinos have been losing money steadily ever since the war, and are only now beginning to break even.

LEAN YEARS

FOR five postwar years the Riviera has been trying to get along without the British middle class. The winter season virtually disappeared. It was replaced by a summer invasion of French shopkeepers and their families, Hollywood film stars, Belgians and Swiss intent on profiting from the favourable exchange rate. This enabled the large hotels to survive—but it brought ruin to the hundreds of smaller hotels and pensions.

Now at last the siege has been lifted and the Riviera's garish Edwardian hotels, whose very names recall their English associations, echo again to English voices speaking the language which proprietors, porters and waiters had almost forgotten.

The English are back. Nowhere in the world could their presence be more welcome. By way of contrast to the frugalities of tourist life, there is always the bar of the luxury hotel. Here you get fascinating glimpses of life as it is lived by that hardy breed of nomads, the International Set.

It is a life geographically bound by an Empire of far-flung but strictly limited resorts, and populated almost entirely by princes, dukes, maharajahs and millionaires. In this world nobody goes to bed before four, or lunches before three; bodily energy is maintained on a staple diet of steaks, souffles and champagne.

MONEY FIRST

GOSSIP provides everyone with a constant occupation; hangovers with a constant illness, boredom with an ever present worry—the possibility of not being recognised. The favourite subject of conversation is money. A typical luxury hotel bar dialogue will deal exhaustively with the intricacies of currency exchange rates and remarks such as, "You

MORE YACHTS

THE decline in heavy-scale gambling is partly explained by the postwar decline of the casinos as an exclusive resort. It is hard to gamble for large sums in an atmosphere quite as public as the present-day Riviera casino.

Familiar faces from newspaper front pages who wear their winter sun-tan like a film star's make-up abound everywhere.

There is a mild boom in yacht buying. Cannes harbour is crowded with yachts flying a dozen different flags. Critics explain the boom by the eagerness of some wealthy Europeans to ensure a get-away to Tangier in the event of war. Many of the yachts are of a liner-like size and luxury and fly the flags of South American republics.

As for the villas of the Riviera, most of those which remained shuttered for years after the war have now been sold. Wealthy Belgians alone have bought 20,000 properties between Mantine and St Raphael in the past three years.

THE COMMISSARS

MEANWHILE the warm Mediterranean sun shines impartially on rich man, poor man, spy and commissar. Three Russian commissars have been attending the film festival at Cannes, and their presence has aroused the sort of curiosity that Elizabethan Englishmen might have shown in the presence of Red Indians.

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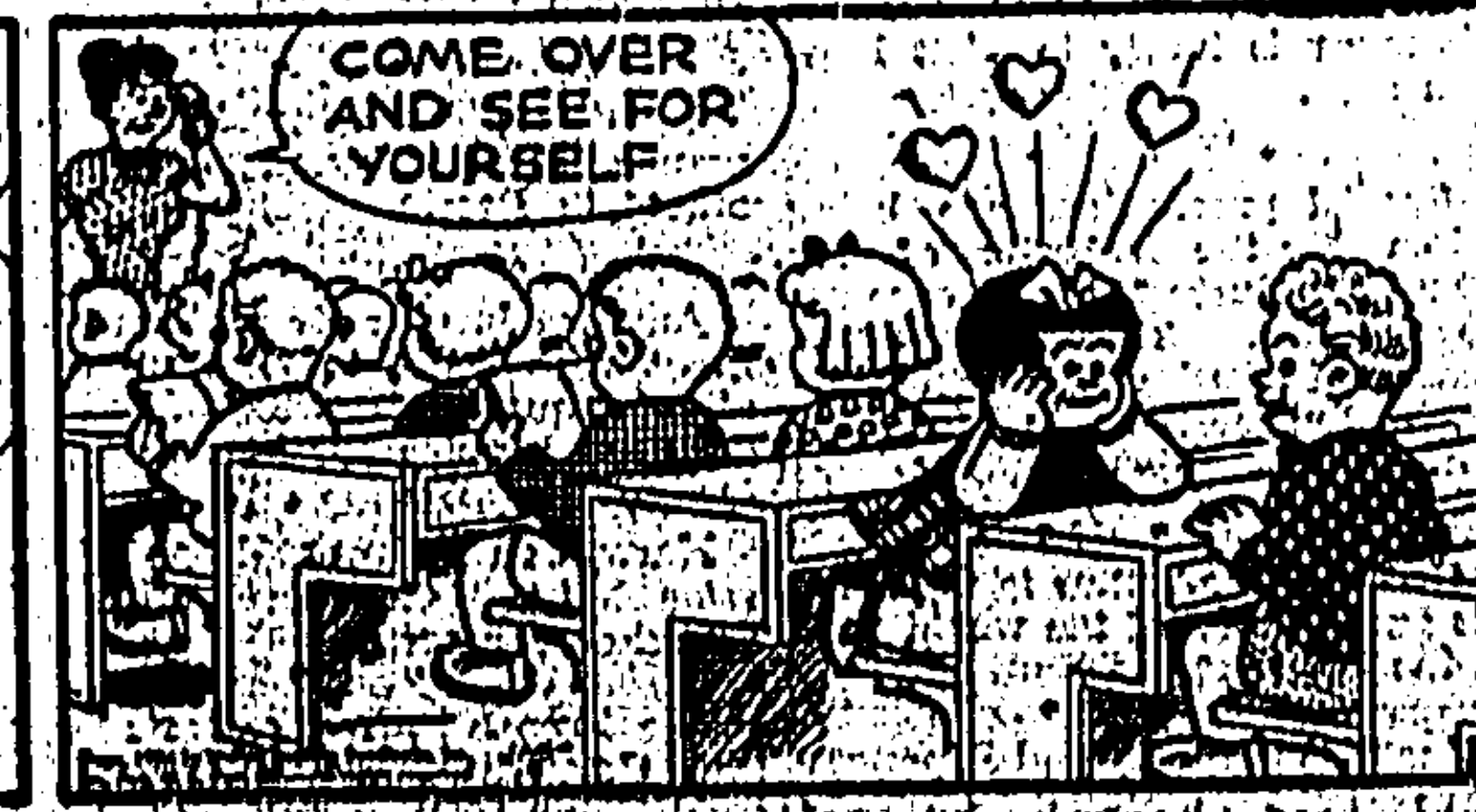
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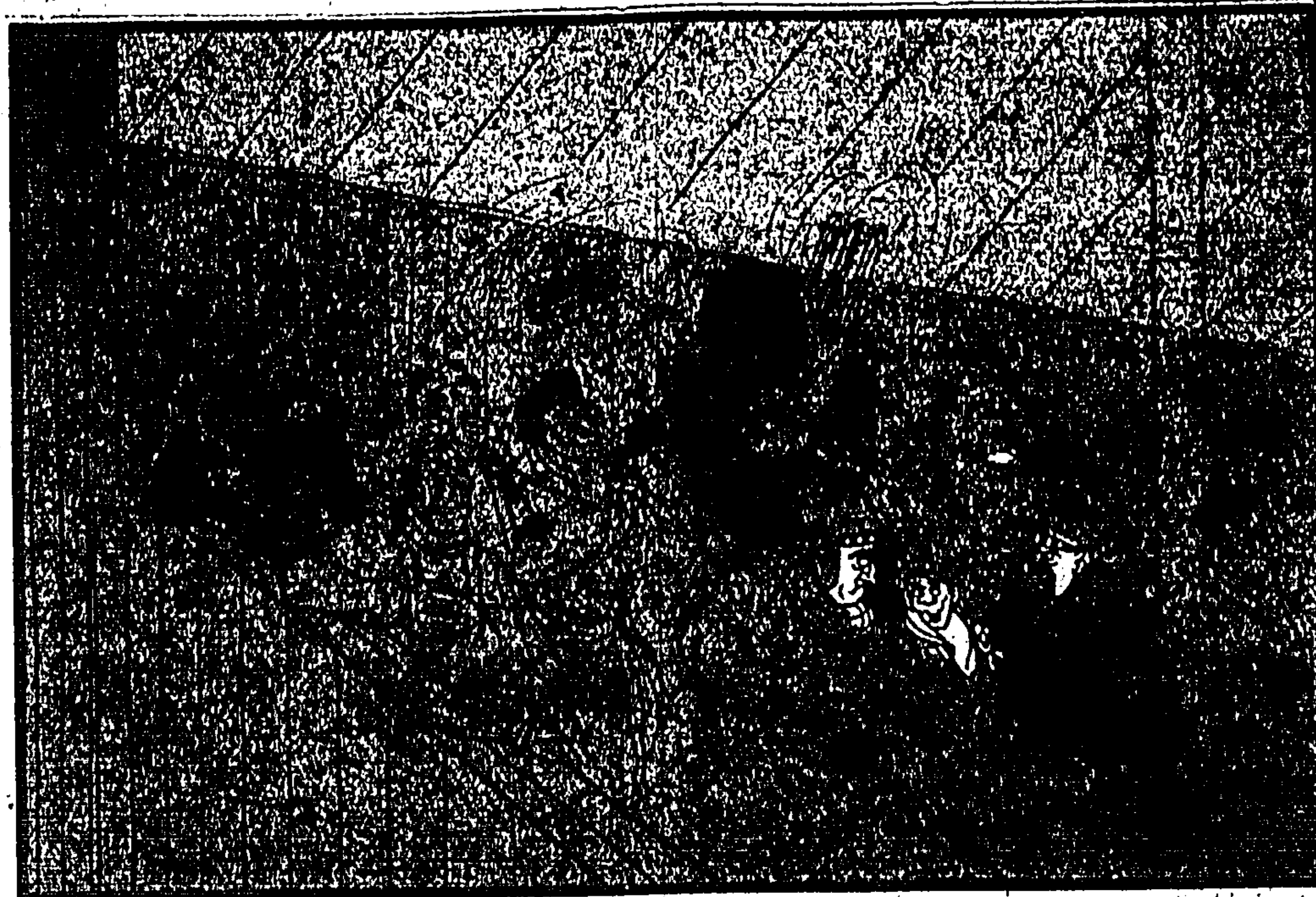
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C. S. FORESTER by MILTON SHULMAN

"I FIND Hornblower admirable." Read the message from Winston Churchill to Oliver Lyttelton, Minister of State in Cairo. The Prime Minister was aboard the Prince of Wales on his way to draft the Atlantic Charter with President Roosevelt.



C. S. FORESTER ships without salt water.

At Middle-East headquarters anxious officers searched their files for some new operation with the codeword "Hornblower". They were relieved to find that this cryptic signal was merely Mr Churchill's way of thanking Mr Lyttelton for a copy of C. S. Forester's trilogy, "Captain Hornblower, RN."

It would not, indeed, have been unusual had the word "Hornblower" been used to conceal a prospective naval operation. For Admiralty circles have a fond regard for the introspective, taciturn, courageous Captain Horatio Hornblower and the efficient manner in which he swept the seas of foreigners during the Napoleonic Wars.

THE LAND-LUBBER

THERE is a good chance, too, that Hornblower may some day join Sherlock Holmes, Jeeves and the Scarlet Pimpernel in the ranks of English mythology. For through six adventures, recorded in six novels with a seventh to follow, he has grown to almost life-like stature in the consciousness of millions of readers.

It is almost distressing to report, then, that his creator, Cecil Scott Forester, has no salt-water in his blood, comes from a family of conscientious land-lubbers—doctors and civil servants—and has never been in a sailing ship in his life.

First conceived of the character when I became interested in the psychological problem of independent command," Mr Forester told me, adding: "I hope that doesn't sound too highbrow."

Since seamanship in the days of sailing ships was a relatively remote subject, Mr Forester decided it would be easier if his hero was an insecure, self-critical and slightly comic character. "We could then go through our doubts together," he said.

Although Hornblower has sailed frigates and ships-of-the-line through raging seas and fought the best that Spain and France could pit against him, Mr Forester receives no complaints about the tactics and techniques he employs.

ALL IN THE BOOK

He owes much of his information to an old Admiralty manual he picked up in Portsmouth. "It is a 1789 edition of

a handbook for—master-mariners," he explained, "and not only tells you how to get a ship out of trouble but what trouble it is likely to get into."

Mr Forester seems slightly surprised that anyone should expect him to know any more. "Acquiring the appearance of knowledge is not a difficult thing," he said. "It's merely a confidence trick."

Such candour comes naturally from a man whose ready laughter and easy informality betray his inability to take himself too seriously. If it were not for the impressive height of the almost Gothic forehead, you might guess that the tight face with its gold-rimmed spectacles belonged to a bank manager, a solicitor or a minor civil servant.

FAST READER

C. S. FORESTER was born the youngest of five children in Cairo in 1899. His father was a Government official and the boy did not see England until he was six.

From an unimpressive career at Dulwich College, Forester went on to spend three years studying medicine at Guy's Hospital. His inability to identify bones and his desire to write combined to prevent his entering the medical profession.

Searching for an explanation for his interest in writing, Mr Forester attributes it largely to the fact that his home was close to a public library. "I think I read everything in that library except the books on philosophy and music," he said. "Gibbon impressed me most."

He is still an omnivorous and amazingly fast reader. He can go through an average novel in an hour and a half. He still avoids philosophy and music.

Odd bits of verse, articles for trade magazines and two bad historical novels of the Napoleonic period earned him a precarious livelihood until 1926 when his neat and exciting murder story, "Payment Deferred," was published. It was converted into a play starring Charles Laughton, filmed in Hollywood and still sells more than 2,000 copies a year.

That turned him to full-time authorship and a series of successful novels that switched from mystery to history for their plots—"Brown on Resolution," "Plain Murder," "The Gun," "The African Queen."

In 1932 he accepted a 13-week contract at \$500 a week to write film scripts in Hollywood. It was a job he did annually after that until the war came.

He would give me a star, a locale and a few other factors, and I would provide a plot," he said. "Every week in Hollywood gave me a month of freedom elsewhere."

Incidentally the original treatment of the Hornblower film now to be seen in the West End was written by Forester in 1939 for Leslie Howard. His comment on the film? "I think they got too many battles in it, but it could have been lots worse."

£15,000 A YEAR

FORESTER'S reputation as a storyteller and the popularity of his novels—he earns between £15,000 and £20,000 a year—has tended to obscure his more solid achievements as a perceptive and imaginative writer.

His sensitive delineation in "The General" of the mind of an officer in the First World War was described by H. G. Wells as "a portrait for all time of an individual in his period."

And his account in "The Ship" of what men go through in a modern sea battle can be numbered among the few great war books. For his material he went chasing submarines in a British cruiser in the Atlantic. "I don't know how many cups of tea I drank with the men to find out how they talked and thought," he said.

NO WRESTLING

If there is no comment, speculation or moralising about life in his novels, it is because Mr Forester does not believe it is a novelist's function to wrestle

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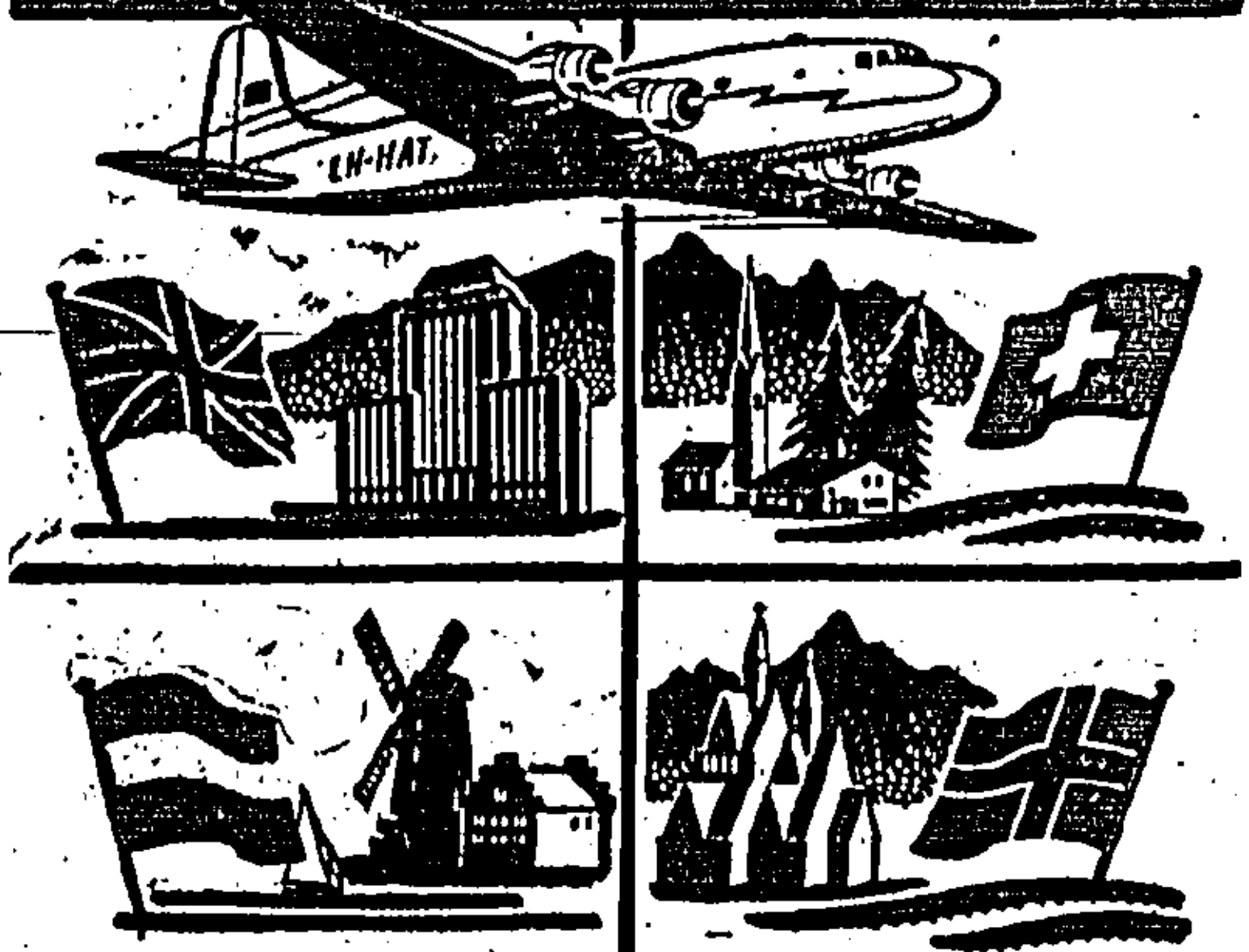
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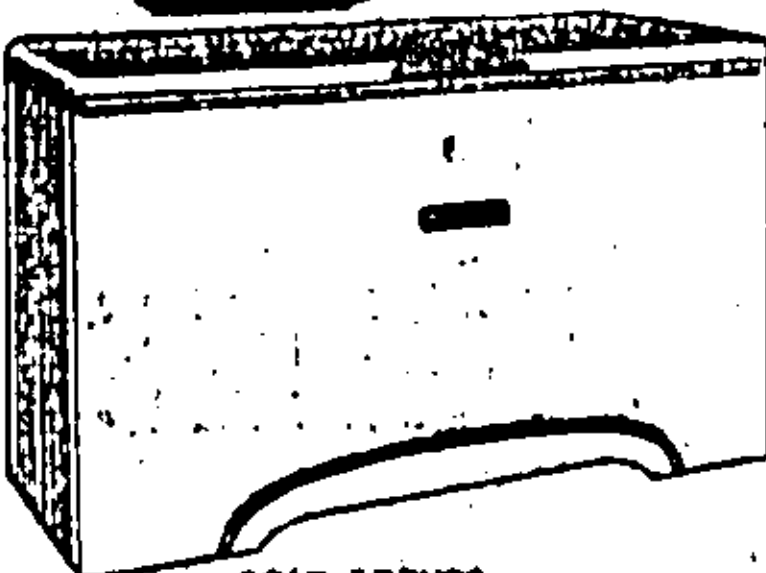
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She is so discerning that when her boss rings from an outside phone, she will tell him all the messages which have been left, but will repeat them to nobody else.

Though she is beautiful in a trim, streamlined way, she will never distract a man or make his wife jealous. She will work a 168-hour week without a squawk from the union.

Could there be a catch in all this? I decided to give Sophie a thorough test.

First of all, in the laboratory where Sophie is being tried, I came to a secret arrangement with her, whereby she could recognise my voice from all others.

LOCKED MEMORY
By pressing two buttons on the robot's plastic dial I fixed the mechanism so that it would tell me all it knew when I said "Hullo, hullo," in a special way.

Then I locked up Sophie's memory so nobody could tap it, pocketed the key, and went to my club for a drink.

While I was on the way my human secretary rang. The robot up and asked for me. Sophie politely said that I was out, but that she would record the message. I dialled Sophie from the club bar and after saying "Hullo, hullo," in the prearranged way, she repeated my secretary's message perfectly.

Friends who tried to coax the information out of her got nothing but "Your message will now be recorded."

When I got back to the laboratory I unlocked Sophie's memory, picked up the receiver, pressed a button and heard the message again. Then I said "Cancel, cancel," and automatically Sophie's memory became a blank.

It all sounded perfect until I got back to the office, when I wanted to ask the scientist who had been testing the robot a further question.

I rang him up. All I got was Sophie telling me my message would be recorded. But I wanted a quick answer to a simple question.

Five times I rang and five times I got Sophie. I ended snapping the phone down after saying rude things which went on Sophie's record.

I began to wonder what will happen when lots of Sophies get loose in Britain, as they will soon, after a factory starts making them and hiding them out.

Sophie offers lots of advantages. But my secretary is safe in her job.

* Short for "Ipsophone."



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**RAF FIGHTER ACE FLIES
U.S. JET IN KOREA**

Air Reporter JAMES STUART

A wartime fighter ace of the RAF is flying with an American fighter wing in Korea. He is Flight Lieutenant Stephen W. Daniel, DSO, DFC and Bar, 30-year-old former commander of Nos. 72 and 145 Squadrons, RAF.

Daniel, who was born at Farnham Common, Bucks, and whose home is now at Thornhill, Dumfriesshire, is on a two years posting to the United States Air Force under the Anglo-American pilot exchange scheme.

Under this plan many RAF officers are serving with USAF squadrons, and American pilots are flying in British squadrons. Flight Lieutenant Daniel, who shot down 15 German and Italian aircraft in Europe and the Mediterranean during the war, is now serving with the 4th Fighter-Interceptor Wing, USAF in Korea, flying an F-86 Sabre jet fighter.

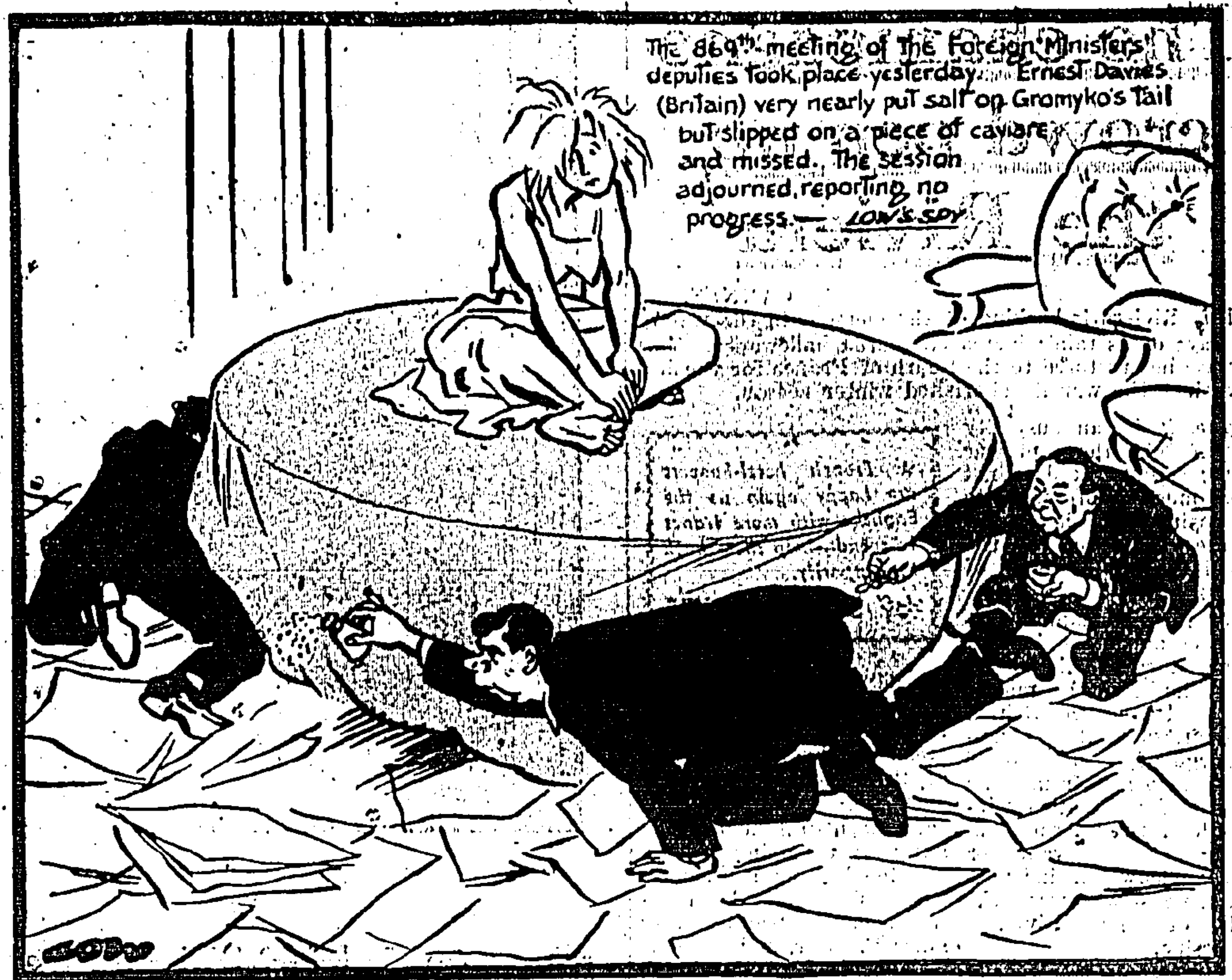
When, during the war, he took command of No. 72 Squadron in the Mediterranean, he was the youngest squadron leader in the theatre. He was 22.

Once his aeroplane was hit by A-A fire, and he crashed landed in rough country. He was several weeks in hospital.

For a time after the war, he was chief flying instructor to the Edinburgh University Air Squadron.

AMERICAN airmen in the Arctic may soon be clothed in "artificial wolves" clothing. Stepped up training programmes in Arctic regions have increased the demand for wolf furs, while some of the supply sources have been cut off.

So scientists in the United States Air Force Aero-Medical Laboratories at Dayton, Ohio, have produced a natural-looking wolf fur—from nylon.



The 864th meeting of the Foreign Ministers' deputies took place yesterday. Ernest Davies (Britain) very nearly put sail on Gromyko's Tail but slipped on a piece of cayenne and missed. The session adjourned reporting no progress. — LOWE'S

HERE WE GO ROUND THE AGENDA

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I ride with MacArthur

By R. M. MacCOLL

San Francisco, Apr. 18.
THIS exuberant, happy city really put on a welcome for General MacArthur—returned to America after 14 years.

Baffled police escorts could do nothing with the cheering, laughing people who constantly surged across the roadway today, stopped his car, shook his hand, patted him, pulled one of his uniform buttons off, tore up his five-star flag, and distributed the pieces.

In front of the speaking stand at City Hall, the situation got dangerously out of hand for a few minutes. People were knocked down, women became hysterical.

I rode in an official car in procession from the general's hotel to the City Hall. I don't know about the general, but I won't forget it in a hurry. You would have thought a world convention of paperhangers had just left town.

Everywhere there was paper—licker-tape in Montgomery Street, "the Wall-street of the West," great showers of torn-up telephone books and newspapers in Market-street (San Francisco's world-famous thoroughfare with four sets of

from tracks), and streamers, the sort you throw in a nightclub, everywhere else.

It took us half an hour to go 200 yds. and we finally reached City Hall exactly one hour late.

ALL THERE

THIS is a city of pretty women, and during our snail's pace progress I got the impression that they were all there.

But the heat and the inching forward proved very hard on official vehicles. The traffic cops' motor-cycles are built for speed, and they couldn't take it. Man after man had to pull out of the procession, his engine overheated.

The climax came when Governor Warren's luxury limousine broke down—followed a moment later by the fire chief's vermilion-painted monster.

Every balcony, every window, and a good many roofs were crammed with grinning waving onlookers. Where the crowd milled thickest I saw groups of

people, their backs inconspicuously turned on the procession, watching the general on TV in a shop window.

"Any idea that this would be a brief affair conducted in a minor key was thrown into San Francisco Bay by the citizens."

They just took over. They gave him the razzmatazz. They screamed and yelled and jumped up and down in the sunshine. Peering from my car I could spot the general's whereabouts by the permanent paper "snowstorm" that spattered down on him in gentle benediction.

When we reached City Hall I took a quick look inside the general's car. It was inches deep in streamers, carnations, roses, pamphlets, and a large paper dart schoolboy manufactured.

ON THE ROOF

THE V.I.P.s were sitting cheek-by-jowl on balconies. Small boys swarmed up pipes to perch on coping stones, and

there were scores of people up on the roof.

The roar when MacArthur got up in his open car and stretched out his hands in greeting nearly unshipped the radio mikes.

The jam-packed mob—the colours of the women's dresses and the men's clothes, too, far more vivid than in Britain—began to sway ominously as MacArthur, followed by his wife and young Arthur (who still looked rather scared of it all), appeared on the dais.

Then came a rush and casualities, with women being passed over the heads of people to the waiting ambulance men.

MacArthur took off his mackintosh and sat impassive as various dignitaries let go with some highly charged stuff in the preliminaries. ("America recognises in you the greatest spiritual force in our land.") Our fair city emerged even fairer or from its ordeal by earthquake. In the same manner MacArthur has emerged a better and a greater man from all his ordeal.

When he stood up in his black tunic, it was to touch off another ovation. "People wave both arms, feeling somehow that one was inadequate."

INSIDE INFORMATION

By Mercury

BRITISH textile interests are perturbed at a Japanese plan to expand output 25 percent by 1954.

Expect Britain to press for restrictive clauses in the Japanese peace treaty. They have hitherto been opposed by General MacArthur.

A stock of atom bombs may be established by America at a North African base.

Swiss scientists believe that Russian atom bomb development has been seriously retarded by a recent accident that killed many specialists.

Tito, nervous of war in the Balkans, has requested Italy not to encourage agitators in Albania.

Premier Adenauer of Western Germany is likely to visit London soon.

Special precautions are being taken for the security of Mr. Churchill during his May visit to the U.S. This follows the suspected murder of Polish leader, M. Lukaszewicz, in Washington.

General MacArthur is finishing his own history of the world war in the Far East.

American officers and Japanese have been working on

ternate chapters which give both sides of each battle.

In Britain, Lord Reith's full report on the Gambia poultry scheme will show worse mismanagement than the groundnuts affair.

It shows that the biggest mistake was rearing birds before hen food had been grown.

Eggs imported from America for hatching cost the taxpayer about seven shillings each.

The British Ministry of Food has offered Denmark more than £5,000,000 in price increases to maintain butter, bacon and egg supplies this year.

The Governor of Northern Rhodesia will fly to London this month for talks with Mr. Griffiths. He will ask for Dominion status.

Russia is pressing her demands for a network of trade offices in Persia.

America has made an agreement with India to take up all atomic materials which India does not require for home use.

Norwegian divers hope to raise the German cruiser Blücher for scrap.

The French army expects a big Communist offensive in Indo-China soon.

American admirals have drawn up plans for improving Italian port facilities as part of North Atlantic defence.

South Africa will install plant to extract oil from coal deposits.

Britain and the United States will ask France to talks on Mediterranean defence.

They will precede the next Commonwealth defence conference in May.

Mr. Herbert Morrison has decided that Britain will play a more active part in the Council of Europe—at Strasbourg this year.

He fears that France and Germany in Schuman plan partnership will otherwise take the lead in European affairs.

There will be big spring manoeuvres in Poland and East Germany with Soviet, Polish, Czech and German troops.

America favours Turkey and Greece joining the Atlantic Pact, but Britain has expressed misgivings.

Extension of the Atlantic Pact eastwards could provoke Russia.

Anglo-U.S. strategy is developing bases fast in the Mediterranean. Big barracks are being built in Cyprus.

LIKE A FIRE

NOW I am writing this in the car again, charging along in the general's wake towards the International Airport, 15 miles down the coast. There are still flags and waves and cheers, but now we are on a great wide autobahn and we are really making time.

The cops have got their sirens going and "I feel as though we will end up at a five-alarm fire."

And this was supposed to be a quiet little ceremony. Of all the delirious crowds I ever saw, this one was right up there for practically everything.

And this is just the town d'auvres! Now comes Washington—the main dish—not to mention New York ahead.

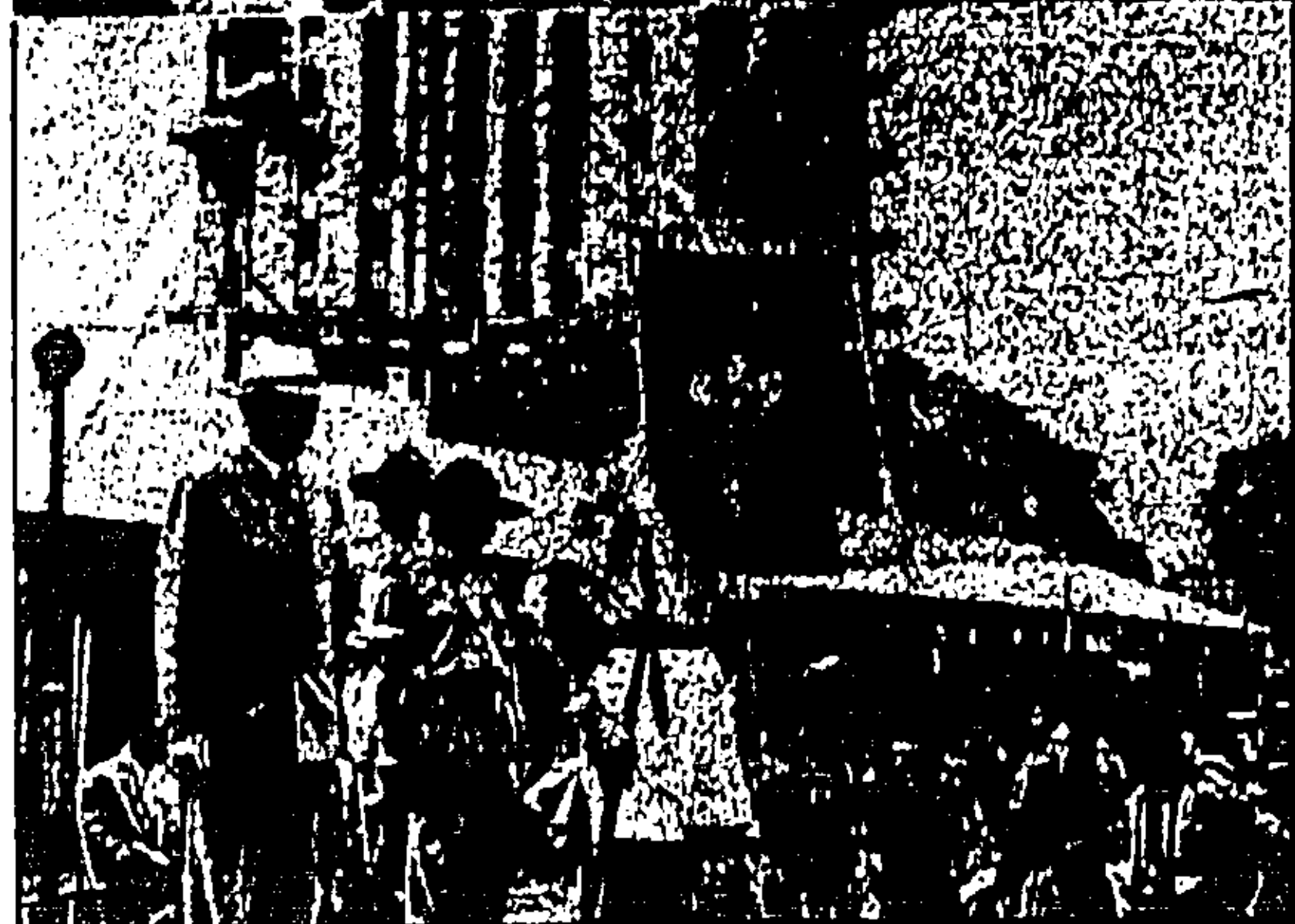
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THE DAIRY FARM



SCENES at last Saturday's St. George's Day parade of Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs. Over 1,500 took part. Directly above, Scouts renew their pledge. Left: Representative of the 1st Hongkong Sea Scouts with the Prince of Wales Banner which they won and which was presented to them during the parade by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham. (Staff Photographer)

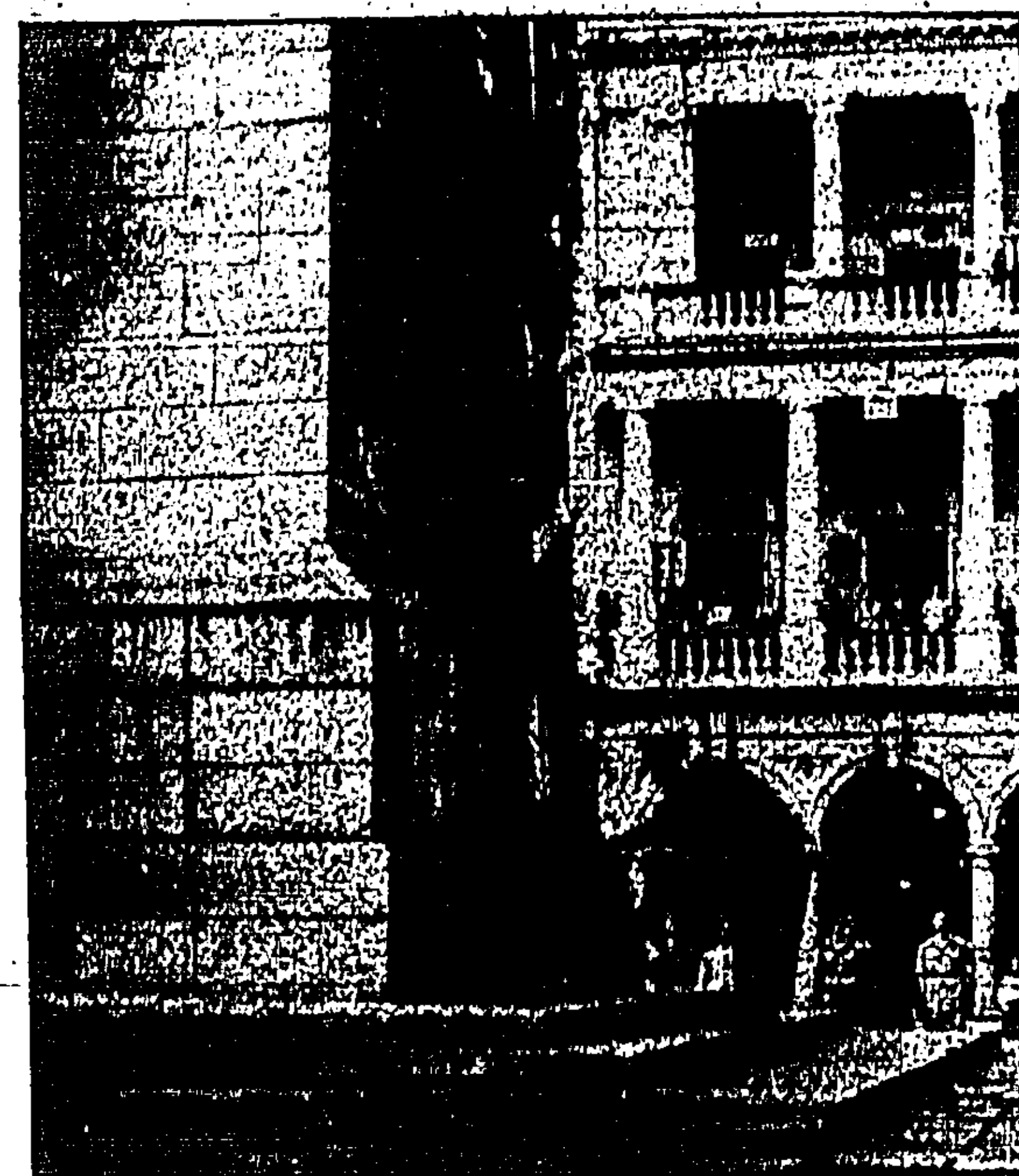
DINNER given last night at the Golden City Restaurant and given by the staff of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd. in honour of Mr. Li Hing-tong on the occasion of his retirement from the firm after 22 years' service. (Ming Yuen)



RIGHT: Mr. K. E. van der Mandele, Netherlands Consul-General, laying a wreath at last week's ceremony honouring Dutch war dead at the Saiwan Military Cemetery. (Staff Photographer)



BRIDAL group at the wedding last Sunday of Mr Antonio Lopo Vaz Loureiro d'Eca and Miss Jacqueline Maria Barretto da Silva. The wedding was at the Rosary Church. (Staff Photographer)



MAJOR C. de Saille Robertson laying a wreath at the Cenotaph last Sunday at the Anzac Day memorial service. Australian and New Zealand Army and Navy units passing through Hongkong participated in the ceremony. (Staff Photographer)



FAMILY group taken on the occasion of the christening of Shelley Ann, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs W. D. Orchard, which took place at St John's Cathedral last Sunday. (Ming Yuen)



MR and Mrs John R. Howson photographed after their wedding at St-Joseph's Church last Saturday. The bride was formerly Miss Alma Johnson. (Staff Photographer)

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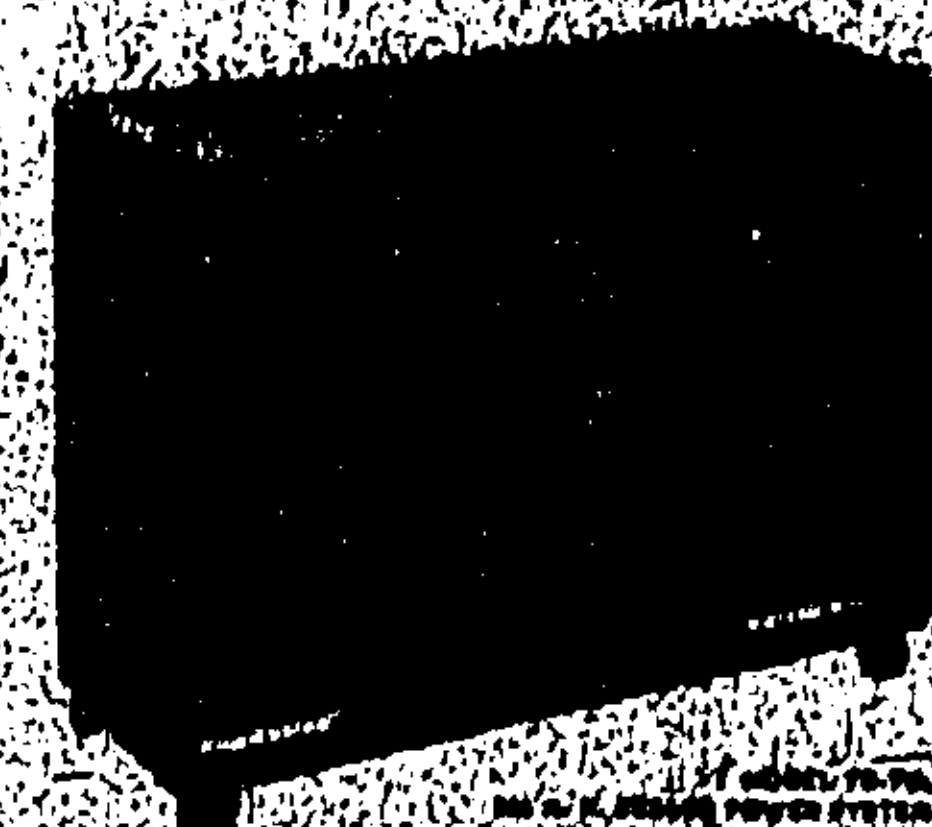
LADY Grantham presenting prizes at the conclusion of the annual open shoot organised by the Hongkong Rifle Association, which took place at Stonocutters last Sunday. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Prizewinners in the Hongkong University table tennis championship. Prizes were distributed by Mrs Y. C. Wong last week. (Ming Yuen)



LEFT: Mr and Mrs Kwok Chas. M. and Mrs. Tang Ngai-tan, Mr and Mrs. Lam Chik-ner and friends at the first dinner of the American University Association held at the Hongkong Hotel last week. (Staff Photographer)

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By Susan Deacon
The answer to that 'ten-years-older' fear is...

RELAX

MOST women dread being ten years older. What are they afraid of?

In the 20's they are afraid for their appearance. In the 30's it is figure and wrinkle worry—that they will look middle-aged and less attractive.

In the 40's ten years ahead appears frightening, especially to women who have made the family their life.

They see them marrying and leaving mother with time on her hands and nothing to do with it. What is the answer?

Most men agree that a woman in her 30's is more attractive than a 20-year-old.

She knows how to use make-up. She emphasises her good features without looking painted. She has poise, is more assured.

In fact 30 should be the Coming of Age for women, not 21. Ten years in the life of Cover Girl Sylvia Shelley has changed her from a typical pretty open-air girl to a lovely and sophisticated woman.

Wrinkles? None. Spredding hips? Her hip measurement is 35ins.—and she doesn't diet.

In fact she complains "I can't get enough to eat."

Amabel Williams-Ellis in "The Art of Being a Woman" deals with the problem of women with time on their hands.

She says that women now live longer and have only two or three children instead of a dozen.

When the family have left home, mother often has 20 years of vigorous life left—in spite of the 77-hour week which most housewives put in these days.

"Women are still slaves of Victorian opinions about a woman's place."

Women are judged as good or bad housewives by the time they spend in their home. This is wrong.

It is vital that all women should have an outside interest. Relaxation when the family are young is a safeguard against loneliness.

THE MEN

THE Men in search of recreation generally find it amid dampness, winds, crowds, noise, cold or a smoke-filled hall.

But what makes so many of their wives go with them?

Why do they endure the misery of laddered stockings, crushed clothes, be-draggled hats, for a few hours with the Men?

One woman who dislikes horse racing told me she began going to meetings with her husband soon after they were married.

"I don't know why I started," she said. "Possibly because I thought a shared interest would be a sort of marriage insurance."

"Now, after five years, I would prefer to play bridge and let him go alone. But he would be so disappointed."

Another spends many Sunday afternoons watching her husband play hockey.

"I haven't the courage to tell him that it bores me," she said.

But I found one woman, a doctor, with courage.

At first she used to go bird-watching with her husband.

"I like birds," she said, "but nothing will ever again make me stand for hours in gum boots with marsh water up to my knees."

Now he goes alone, and she looks for antique furniture, or paints.

They are happy.

What is the answer? Be honest at the start.

Say that you find the sight of a battered man tottering in a boxing ring brutal; repugnant; that the screech of skidding racing cars frightens you.

But don't expect your husband to go with you to fashion shows.

Be reasonable. You'll be happier.

RUSH ON COOLIES

EVIDENCE that short hair is on the way out is in the sudden popularity of hats de-



1940 SYLVIA SHELLEY... the pretty, open-air girl.



1950 WRINKLES? None. Diet? "I can't get enough to eat."

"SCOTTIE and CHERIE"



"But when you insisted on going with me to the big fight I thought you realised we were in it."

signed to conceal growing hair. Draped chiffon and flower chignons grace the back of many of the new spring hats. Artificial hair chignons are worn with sprays of lilac, single violets, or entwined with strings of coral.

What will be the most popular hat this summer? I predict a rush of straw-look hats in the shops. Originally shown in Paris, this style will take the place of the ever green sailor hat.

Grouped around a train time indicator at a big terminus I counted 57 women. Many wore well-cut spring suits. There were expensive coats, good shoes, nylons.

But only FIVE wore hats.

Wisdom—for Women

"Personal beauty is a great recommendation that any letter of introduction."—Aristotle.

London Express Service

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Grape bubble necklaces, earrings and chignon slide are in pastel colours.

Wooden bead necklace with fruit and mimosa spray and transparent butterfly earrings.

The Vegetable Kingdom Steps Into The Accessory Sphere

London. Times have changed since our Victorian ancestors did not consider it proper to go even as far as the post office without bonnet, muff and high buttoned shoes. We may smile at those well-chaperoned young ladies today, but they had at least one right idea. The principle is the same whether it is 1851 or 1951: it is the accessories that complete the picture.

ELEGANCE is achieved through well-balanced detail: carefully selected and matched accessories are the key to being well-dressed. Umbrellas, bags, belts, scarves, buttons and jewellery provide scope for infinite variety. They complete and perfect the new suit; but equally well they give new life to last season's suit. Matching scarves and gloves in bright colours are an excellent tonic for the coat or suit that is a season, or more, old. Buttons and belts of unusual designs provide interesting detail on both old and new clothes.

Investigating new designs in accessories in London recently, I find that the accent during the coming months will be on the light, gay and colourful side. In jewellery, diamonds and pearls have, for the moment, given way to fruit, vegetables and flowers: they are imitations, but deceptively realistic, and amusingly different from pearl chokers and diamond tiaras. They are excellent for informal wear with both dresses and sweaters, and are much lighter on the pocket.

London designers are determined to exploit the unconventional to the full: the motto of one jeweller is, "use a familiar object in an unfamiliar way." So, we find

electric light switches providing the buckle on a belt, a brooch made from pea-pods, and an extending curtain-rod used on the back of a belt!

Materials used for necklaces and brooches are wood, plastic, china and even raffia. This designer is working in conjunction with a cosmetic firm and has produced wooden bead necklaces in delicate shades of pink and red to tone with the lipstick shades.

Natural-coloured raffia, decorated with red, is used for a three-stranded choker. Delightful sprays and brooches have been made from imitation flowers and plastic. A new idea here is to have the beads single-stranded on one side, and double-stranded on the other so that this extra weight keeps the decoration in place.

Two typical designs are illustrated here. Firstly, a wooden bead necklace, decorated with fruit and mimosa—the flower of the season, seen everywhere trailing from pockets, on lapels, and trimming hats and evening dresses.

Secondly, a grape-bubble necklace worn with matching earrings and chignon slide, made in pastel colours. The popularity of the chignon has set jewellery designers to work designing ornaments and brooches. Such a one is the slide pictured here which covers the chignon. The daisy-chain put in an appearance here—two yard long, made of material and fastened by an ordinary necklace clip.

This same designer also specialises in making belts and buttons. Among the many examples in calf and suede, there is the most practical belt seen for some time: practical because the back half of the belt, which is made of white plique, is completely without stiffening, and is removable for washing. Another, in green leather is in four pieces, each joined together with a gleaming gold, outside safety-pin. Smartest and most flattering of all belts are those which are shapely, and not cut in one straight piece.

Another London designer who is determined that accessories shall be light and gay is Mr. Ascher who designs scarves. He is having considerable success

both in England and abroad with cotton scarves which are in bright colours. Inevitably there is the scarf for the Festival of Britain. This shows a lion in the centre, against a sparkling background of fireworks and crystal palaces.

By Dorothy Barkley.

Seasonable Silk Suit



Shantung outfit in honey beige.

By VERA WINSTON

American shops are specialising this season in clothes that are perfect for a warm tropical spring. Beautiful fabrics and delicious colours play their part, as do designs that are smartly simple. As proof we offer this delightful two-piece of honey beige Shantung, that super shantung weave. Little standing collar, notched cuffs for the short sleeves. Single breasted closing below a deep slit neck. Flapped pockets on the front-gathered peplum.

Preview Of B.I.F. Fashions



Fashions pictured here will later be shown at the British Industries Fair. At left is a short evening dress in vivid rayon print of flame-coloured flowers on a blue ground. The full length overskirt is lined with white taffeta with applique of flowers. At right is a day-dress with pleated frills made in rayon with large green paisley print.

IT GROWS

FURNITURE that "grows up with the children" will be a feature in the Homes and Gardens Pavilion at the Festival of Britain.

Small chairs "grow" by reversing the positions of the combined seat and back to produce a higher and larger seat; the height of tables is adjusted by reversing the table tops.

Ingenious safety devices include electric fires that switch off when tilted, or lifted, power points with automatic shutters and foolproof gas taps.

New Ideas

NYLON Apicot underwear in pink and blue for boys and girls, ideal for holidaywear because it dries in a couple of hours and needs no ironing.

A waistbelt made from your own material, guaranteed to wash or clean, made for 3s. 6d. in seven days.

Summer slippers in every shade of utility slab cotton with draw-string tops to keep them snug-fitting, and handbags to match.

Nail polish remover which actually has an attractive scent.

A hair spray that imparts highlights to curls and waves in a few seconds.

Newest nylons have gold, gems and even beads

DAISY CHAINS, TOO, ARE POPULAR

From FREDERICK COOK: New York.

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The Daisy Chain features daisies and rhinestones in a side clock that trails delicately up the stocking.

One of the conversation pieces of the spring collection is called Ballerina. This features a ballerina proucting on one ankle of the stocking. Her tiara, skirt and toes sparkle with hand-sewn rhinestones.

Several New York jewellers, determined not to be outmoded, are advertising jewelled clips specially designed to wear on stockings and guaranteed not to damage the nylon.

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PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT

How He Keeps The Stars

"STARS pay me thousands of dollars every year to keep them, in top shape. Without spending a nickel anyone can achieve the same results in his own home."

Terry Hunt, one of Hollywood's most successful conditioners, makes this disclosure. Every day approximately 100 stars, executives, doctors, and plain people pay \$3.75 to visit his headquarters for ninety minutes. He stays strategically at Restaurant Row, in the midst of lavish cafes.

"Once a person knows how to build and preserve health he can do it anywhere," says Hunt. "Under Richard Widmark, he keeps himself in normally good

In Top Shape

shape. But for the role of a Marine lieutenant in 'Halls of Montezuma' he wanted to work off a few pounds. Six weeks later he was fourteen pounds lighter. He was in what we call 'ten round' shape, meaning he could have boxed ten rounds without undue fatigue.

"He wants to stay in this condition, so he's putting weight lifts and parallel bars in his

backyard. By using them regularly and following the rest of my programme, he should continue as a ten-rounder. "Assuming you're organically sound, here's how you attain and keep perfect physical condition:

1 Eat wisely. If you are too heavy, avoid rich desserts, bread, fatty meats, cream, butter and condiments. If you are underweight, drink lots of water, eat more meats, fruit, butter and cream, bananas, starches and fish. Drink glasses of half-milk and half-cream between meals. Sleep an extra hour each night. If your weight is normal you're probably eating properly.

2 Exercise daily, but not within an hour after meals. Your exercise should make you loose and relaxed, not tight or tired. Lifting and stretching are best. Breathe deeply and slowly. Lie on back and lift legs. Do sit-ups. Take it easy. Start with a few minutes, but don't exceed half an hour at any time. Don't jump into a shower immediately; wait till your heartbeat has slowed to normal.

3 Live sensibly. You can't be well if you smoke, drink too much. Wear a smile. Be interested in everything around you. Don't waste your time on points one and two unless you can develop a kindly attitude toward your fellow man.

"Perhaps these three guidelines seem too obvious. But there is nothing mysterious about health. It comes to most of those who pursue it faithfully."

The list of actors and actresses whom Terry has treated during the last 24 years includes glamour girls from Vilma Banky to Betty Grable, leading men from Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. to Doug. Jr., dramatic actresses from Pola Negri to Linda Darnell, and character players from Erich von Stroheim to Edmund Gwenn. Rita Hayworth was a regular patron. So are Shirley Temple, Jack Carson, Ava Gardner, William Lundigan, Jane Allyn, Von Johnson, Gene Tierney, John Payne and Esther Williams.

Self-dosage With Bromides Can Cause Much Harm

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

HOSPITAL attendants are very familiar with the fact that large numbers of people suffer severe ill-effects from self-dosage with bromides.

These preparations are often prescribed by physicians to produce nervousness and to produce sleep. Properly used in this way on a specific occasion, they are harmless. Unfortunately, however, many people continue to use them on their own, taking them habitually over long periods of time and in increasingly heavy doses. This results in what is known as bromide intoxication.

Marked Symptom

It is a marked symptom is drowsiness. Weakness is also present and may be so severe that the patient is unable to get out of bed. There may be interference with normal control of the bladder, disturbance of speech, and inability to walk. Slurring of speech, trembling, and mental excitement are other details in a picture which resembles that of ordinary alcoholic intoxication. Many of the patients show signs of fluid deficiency, such as dry, red, lining membranes of the mouth. There may be a nasal

Loss of Salt

In the patients treated, there was an average stay in the hospital of more than two weeks, and several of the cases ended fatally. It is possible that some of the symptoms may be due to the loss of salt from the body, but it is more likely that they are produced by direct action of the bromide on the tissues.

If bromides are to be used, they should be employed only under the direction of the physician in the dose which he prescribes.

Mr. Bingay Sounds The Alarm

IN Middlesex there are 40 dentists to look after the teeth of 273,353 school-children—one to every 6,800 children.

An "appalling deterioration in the condition of the children's teeth is the result. Who says so? Mr. J. V. Bingay, Middlesex County Council's chief dental officer.

The full establishment of dental officers in Middlesex is 96. But since the National Health Service came into force, the figure has dropped to less than half the establishment.

THE DESERTERS

Dentists are deserting the council schools for more money. Some are going into private practice. But most are going to better-paid jobs in the hospital regions. Mr. Bingay thinks the drift may go on.

Middlesex is typical of many counties, but it is one of the worst, and Mr. Bingay has a plan. He does not hope it will be a complete solution, but it may be a palliative. It is that dental officers in Middlesex should voluntarily attend evening sessions at clinics to give treatment to older children and nursing mothers.

In other words, after the 40 harassed dentists have rushed through their ordinary day's work—and Mr. Bingay says that the children are only getting emergency treatment—they are to be asked to work in the evenings as well.

The fee, it is suggested they should receive for the evening session of several hours is £3 3s, a sum which National Health dentists find no difficulty in earning in three-quarters of an hour.

CHILDREN'S TEETH ARE GETTING WORSE

Dental attendants would be needed for the evening work too. It is hoped to recruit these people—who must have some skill and knowledge of dentistry—by offering them 12s. 6d.

Mr. Bingay thinks his plan should be given a trial run of three months, in the hope that some of the errant dentists may be lured back.

I think it unlikely that they will.

Half of the salary for a school dentist is paid by the Ministry of Education, the other half comes out of the rates. And local authorities are reluctant to approve recommendations for higher salaries when it means another call on budgets already weighed down by such demands as the Festival of Britain.

WHAT THEY EARN

Maximum salary for a dental officer, it is now recommended, should be £1,250. A chief dental officer gets another £250. The maximum a chief dental officer can earn after he has had all the rises due to him in an area of 400,000 people is £1,450.

Yet dentists in private practice can earn five figure incomes under the National Health Scheme!

A veteran dentist, who has been working with a local authority for 30 years, sums it up. He is Mr. W. B. Grandison of Cuckridge.

Mr. Grandison is 60 and he has introduced a scheme in Cambridge—unique in the country—whereby adolescents can get dental treatment up to the age of 18½. He is proud of his life work. He could earn several thousands a year more in

private practice. But he does not want to quit.

But Mr. Grandison says: "It is a losing game. We come under the 1944 Education Act. We should have been brought into the National Health scheme."

It is sometimes three years before Mr. Grandison can see a child patient.

Many dentists are staying on out of loyalty, to help the children. But the steep rise in the cost of living is tempting them to transfer their talents to a post where they have more prospect of balancing their own domestic budgets.

And so, unless the parents can afford private treatment, the children's teeth go from bad to worse.

William Roland

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THE SECRET OF GOOD GROOMING

Good grooming, with every hair in its place, perfectly manicured nails, and every piece of clothing and accessories sparkling clean and wrinkle-free; that's the secret of a fine appearance, one that is much more important than the extent or cost of the wardrobe.

The colourful scarf in various materials has become a popular item of the winter costume, since it protects neck and clothing, besides adding a bright spot to one-colour clothes. Whatever type scarf you wear, make sure that it is spotlessly clean. Even prints that are not fast colour can usually be washed successfully if you use lukewarm suds and real speed. Roll in a towel after rinsing to remove excess moisture. If in doubt about colour running, iron at once trying to complete the entire job from suds to final folding in, seven minutes. Try it with an old scarf and see how proficient you can be.

Against The Wall

For colours you trust, try trying your scarf against the tiled bathroom wall, like a handkerchief. But give the wall a good wipe first. Washed at night the scarf should be ready for wear in the morning, without ironing. Did you ever see such a handsome array of fabric gloves and at most reasonable prices, too, for such fine merchandise? White or coloured, they have a sturdiness that insures lasting qualities, that is, if you give them care.

Atomic Blast Did It



Liliana Ossi, a 22-year-old beauty in Rome, Italy, displays her new atomic hairstyle and the photograph of the atomic blast which inspired it. It took a hair stylist 12 hours to arrange Liliana's coiffure, so it's not recommended for daily wear. It's an old fashion and something dangerously new.

Your Sewing Scrapbook

by Mary Brooks Picken

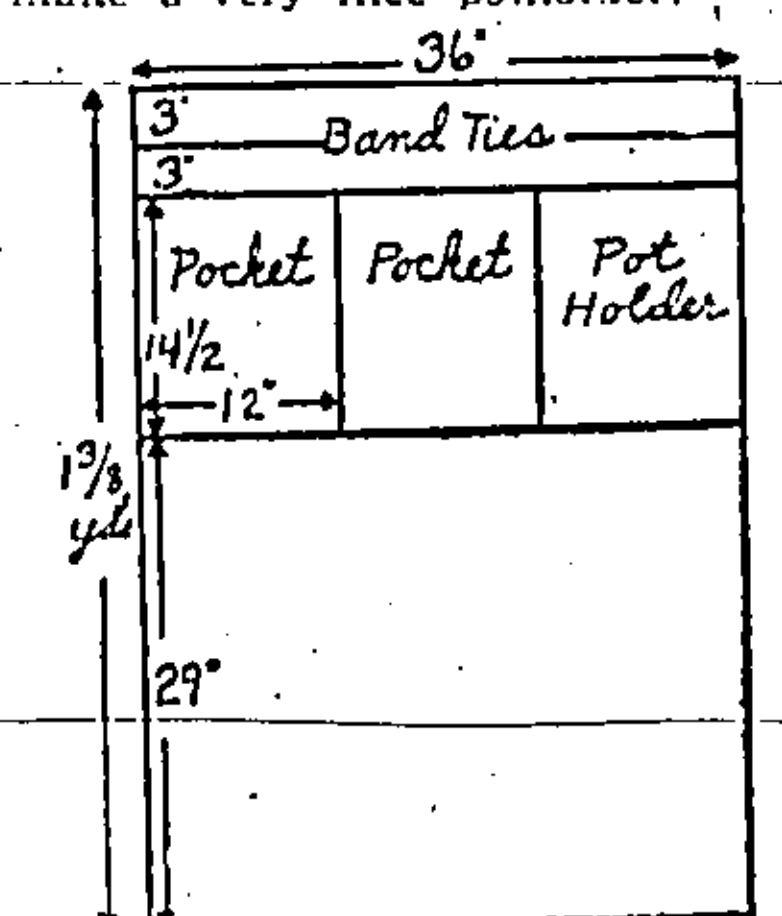
Enchanting Aprons For The Little Lady

MAKE all or one of these lovely aprons. You will be delighted and the cost, considering their beauty, will surprise you.

A is made from 1½ yds. of 36" plaid printed mercery. B needs 1½ yds. of star-studded cotton. C is made of one yd. of organdie and ¾ yds. of cotton lace.

Crosswise Ends
Apron A: Straighten both crosswise ends of the fabric. Tear from one crosswise end two 3" strips for waistband and ties.

Next, for pockets, tear off a crosswise strip 14½" wide. Divide this into three 12" wide strips, as diagram shows. Two of these make the large side pockets; the third one can cover a worn washcloth and make a very nice potholder.



Apron B: Tear off two 3" crosswise waistband ties. Tear off one 10" crosswise strip. Divide this pocket piece lengthwise in three equal pieces. A hem 2" deep is made in the top of two pieces.

The only difference in apron A and B is that A has deep pockets. These may be shaped at top or not as you wish. It has two less-deep pockets each side. You accomplish this after the pocket is in place by stitching lengthwise of the apron through the centre of B pocket, to make two on each side.

The waistline is gathered into a space 14 to 16" wide; the band stitched on from the wrong side, brought over to the front and stitched down. The stitching is continued to the end of the ties, thus concealing all raw edges. A 2" hem is put in the bottom of each apron.

Lace Hem
Apron C is made same as A and B with these exceptions: Make a 1" hem in lace across top. The edge of the lace is turned under and stitched to each side so it will hold securely. The lace is stitched lengthwise, panelling the front to divide it into three pockets as shown.

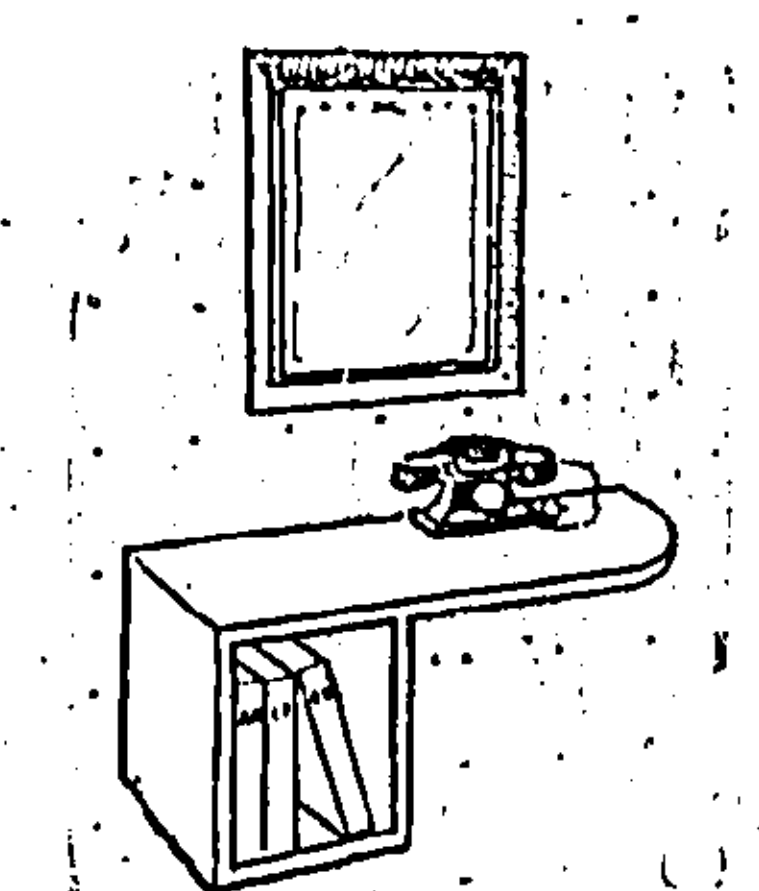
Two rows of stitching in each of the panel lines is desirable to hold the pockets securely. The hem is turned to the right side to catch the bottom edge of the lace inside the hem when it is stitched.

GADGET OF THE WEEK



DDT diffuser on the electric lamp is for keeping rooms free of insects. It fits any standard electrical fixture, gives off a vapour which settles on the walls and remains toxic.

CHIPPY



Answers the telephone question

IN a small, modern hall the only useful piece of furniture is one which doesn't have to be moved for dusting. One problem can be solved by building a telephone table with no legs to get in the way of the vacuum cleaner, and space to keep the telephone books tidy.

The fitting is made from a 9in. plank of timber 1in. thick. About 6ft. of it is required, but it need not all be in one piece. The first step is to cut the timber to the following dimensions:

THE TOP: 2ft. 6ins. long with the right-hand corner rounded off as shown in the sketch.

THE TWO SIDES of the directory rack, both 13ins. long.

THE BASE of the rack: 7in. long. The grain of this shelf must run from front to back so that the screws from the sides do not go into end grain. The assembly is made with the use of two fillet—fixed first to the side-pieces as shown in the diagram, and then screwed into the top shelf. The base of the rack is then fixed in place with screws driven through from the sides.

The fitting is screwed to the wall with three strong eye-bolts sunk flush into the back edge of the top shelf.

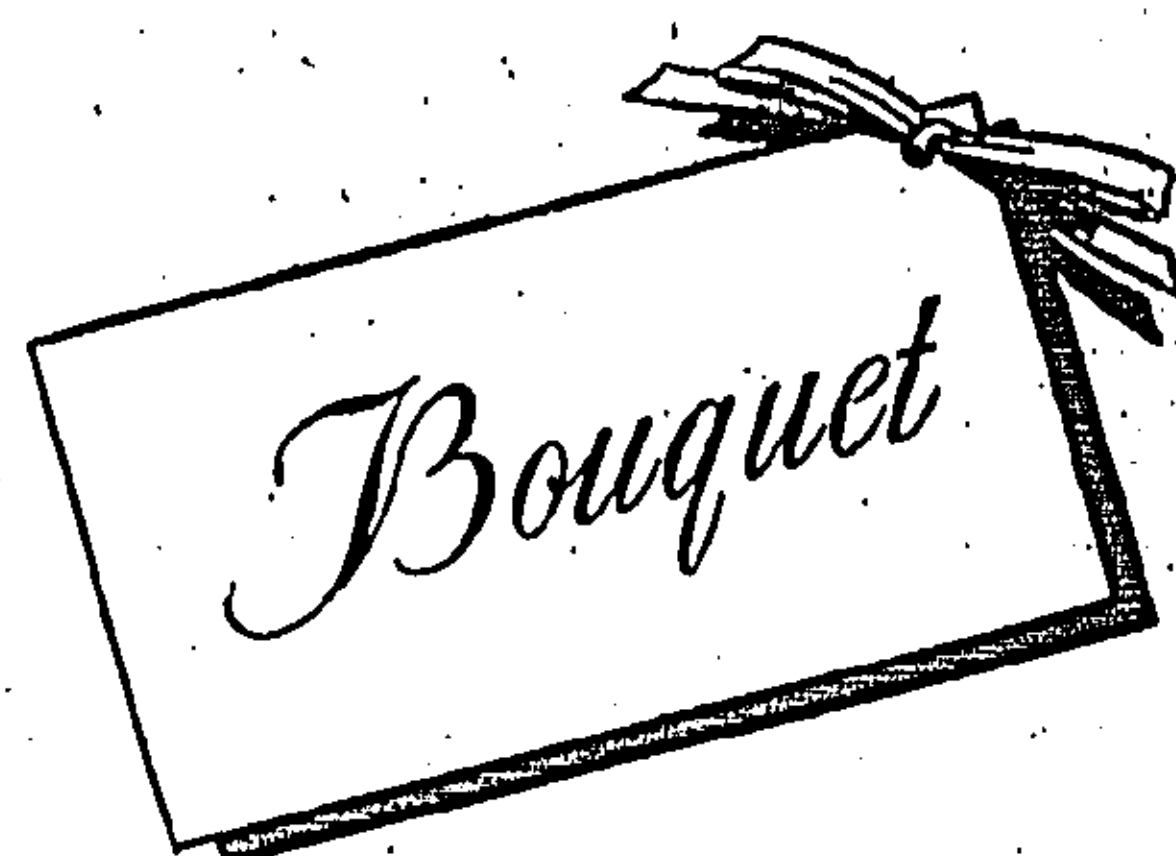
If it is a lath and plaster wall, make certain that the fixing screws go into the thick uprights behind the plaster. This fitting will often be used for taking telephone messages, and must be firm and rigid.

PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

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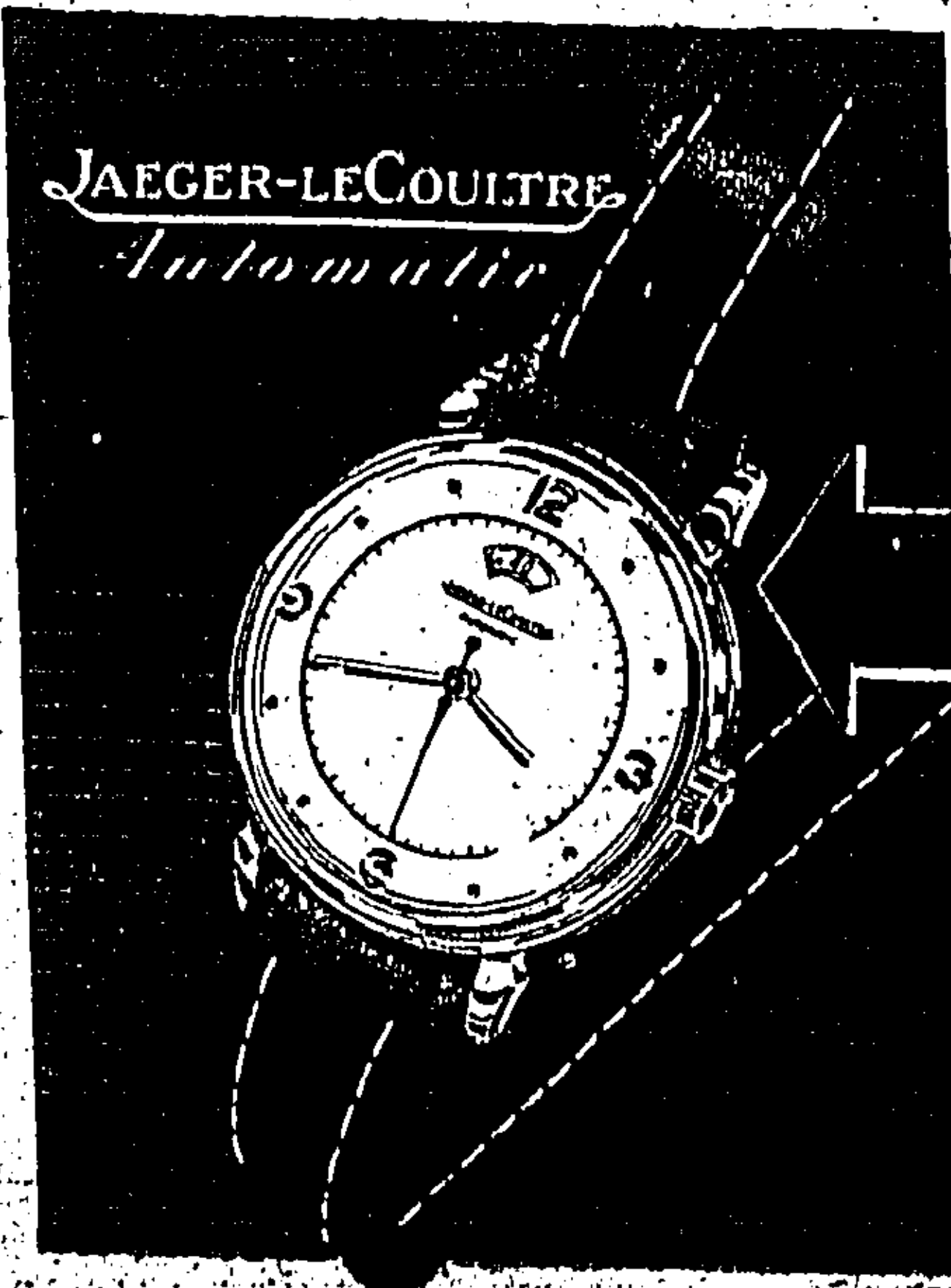
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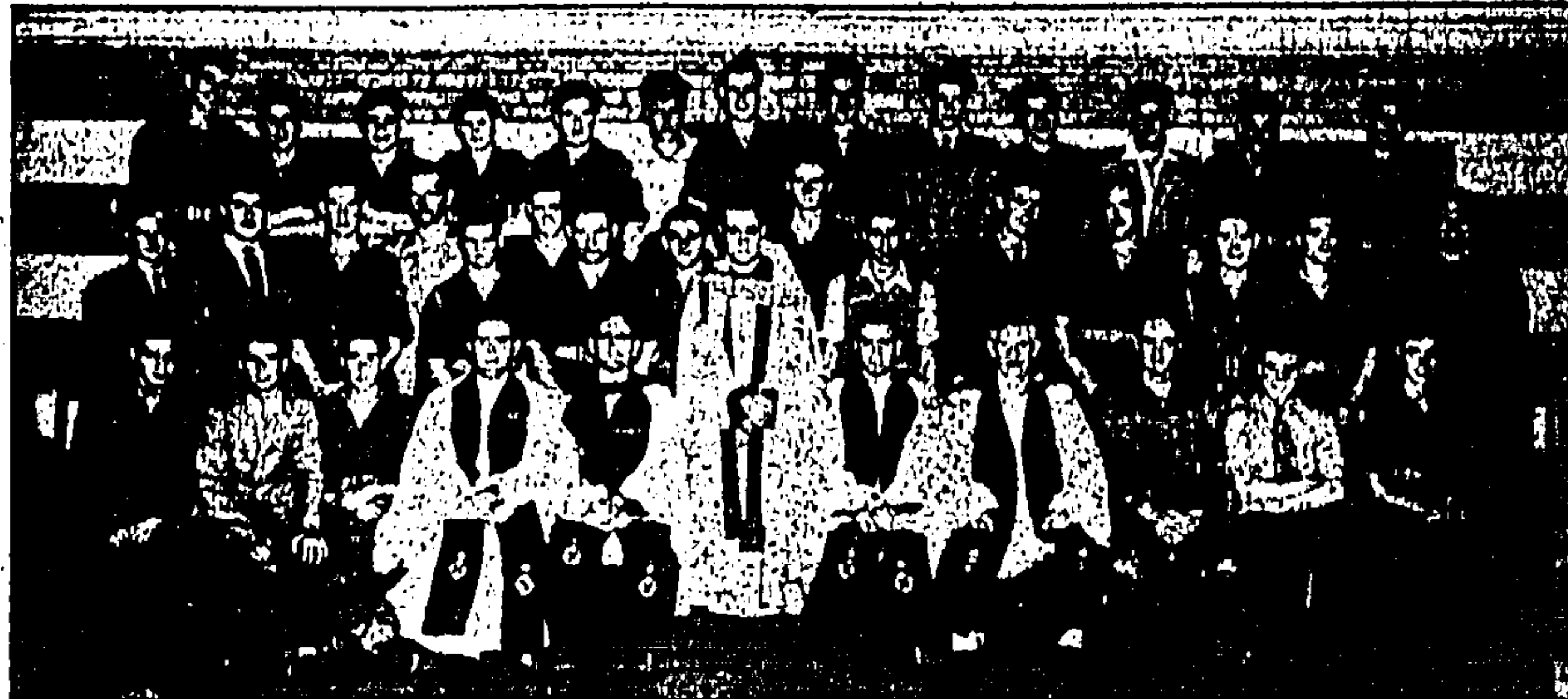
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						HMM! QUITE A GOOD HAUL!



FRIENDS of Miss Wanda de Meneses Rodrigues who attended her nineteenth birthday party recently. (Mainland)



PUPILS of Miss Axalea Reynolds in one of the numbers presented at the charity ball sponsored by the Chinese Women's Club, held at the Hongkong Hotel last week. (Staff Photographer)



GROUP picture taken after a Confirmation service for the Forces, conducted by the Bishop of Hongkong, the Rt Rev. R. O. Hall, at St Andrew's Church last Sunday. (Mainland)



LEFT: Miss Esther Marie Eriksen (centre, front row) and friends who attended her birthday party last week. (Jimmy Foo)



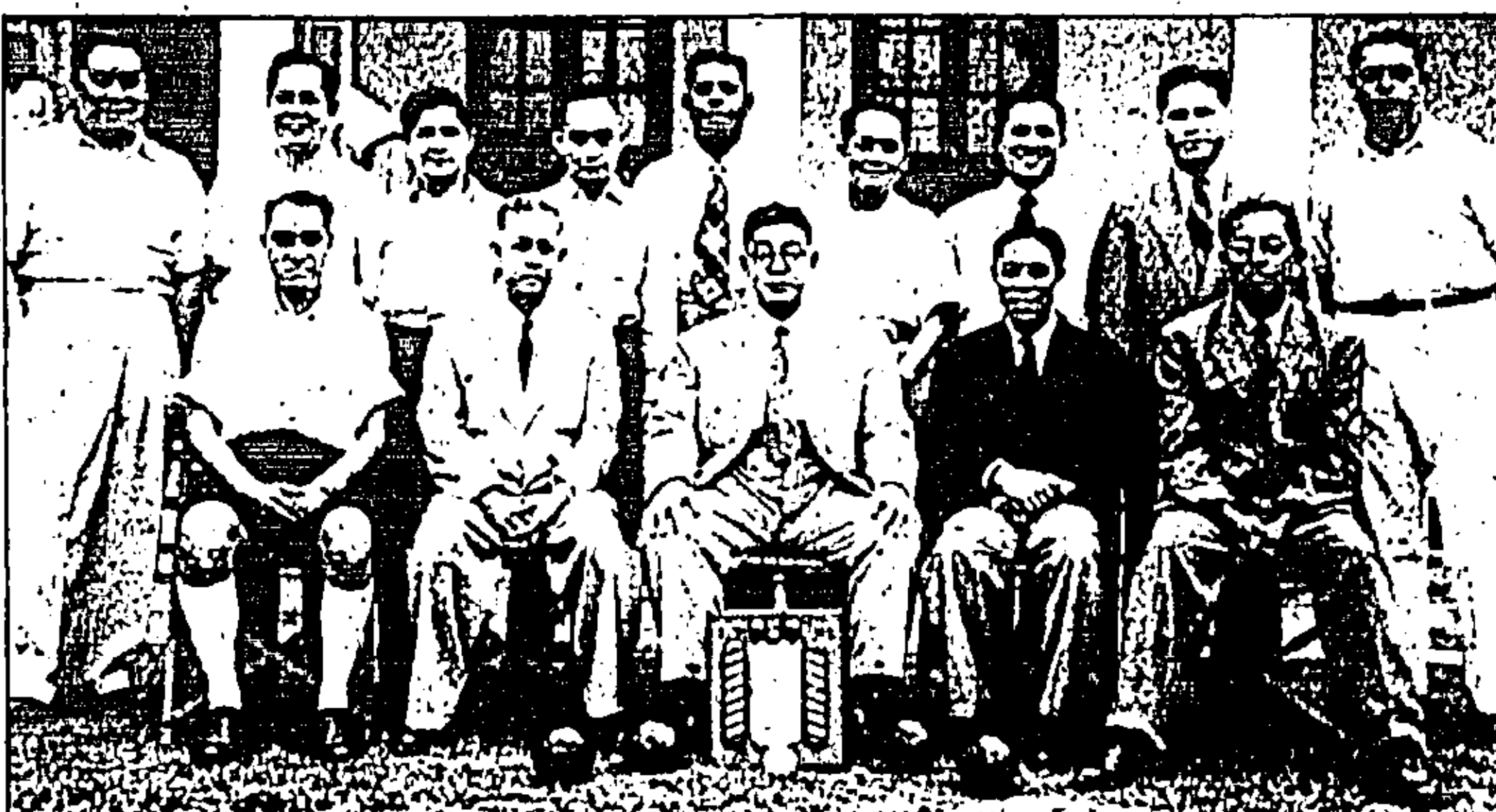
DR. A. PINTO RIBEIRO, Officer Administering the Government, Macao, and Service chiefs at the memorial service held in Macao for Marshal Carmona, President of Portugal, who died recently. (Standard)



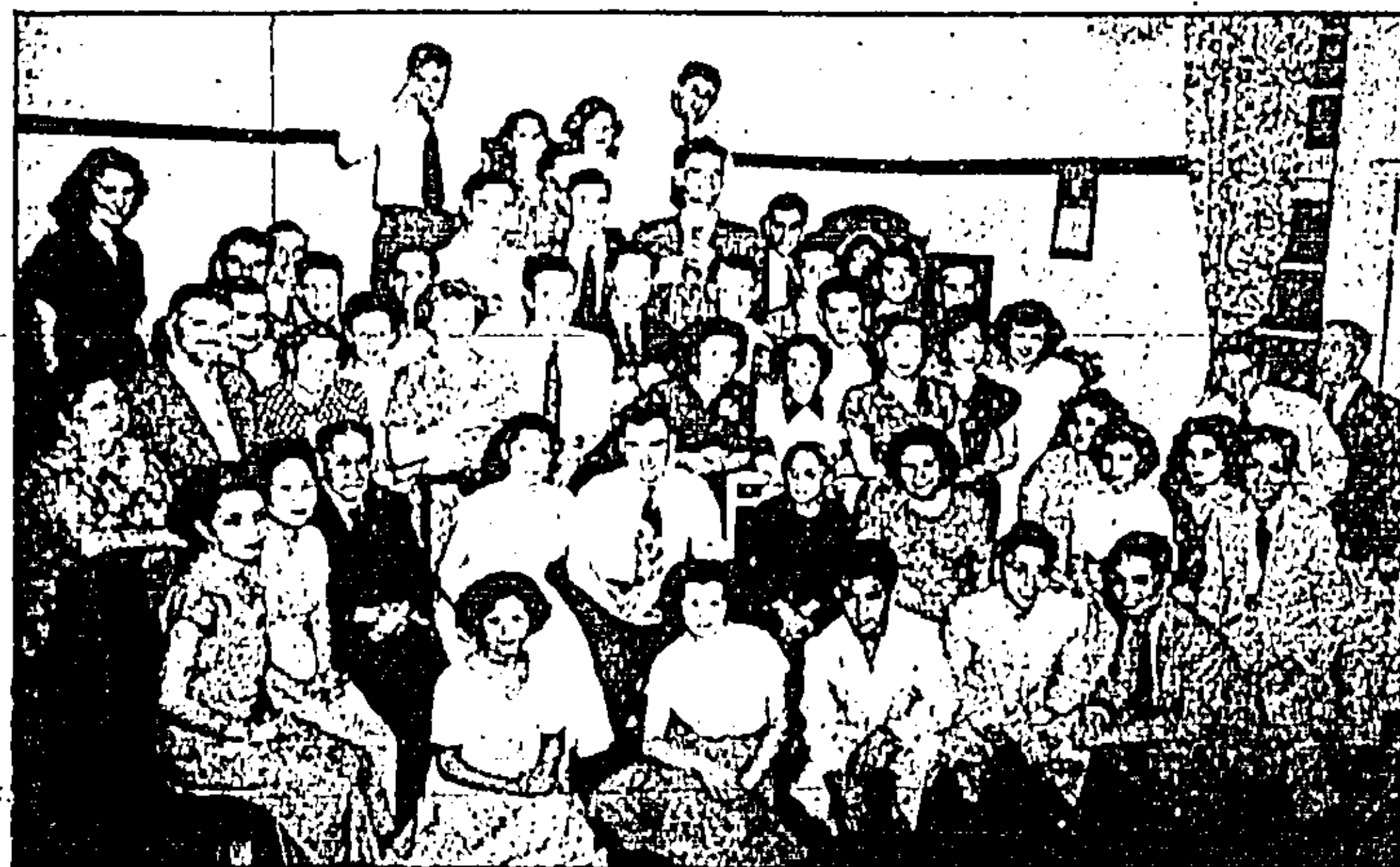
MEMBERS of the 1st Kowloon Company of Girl Guides leaving St Andrew's Church, Kowloon, after the St George's Day service last Sunday. (Staff Photographer)



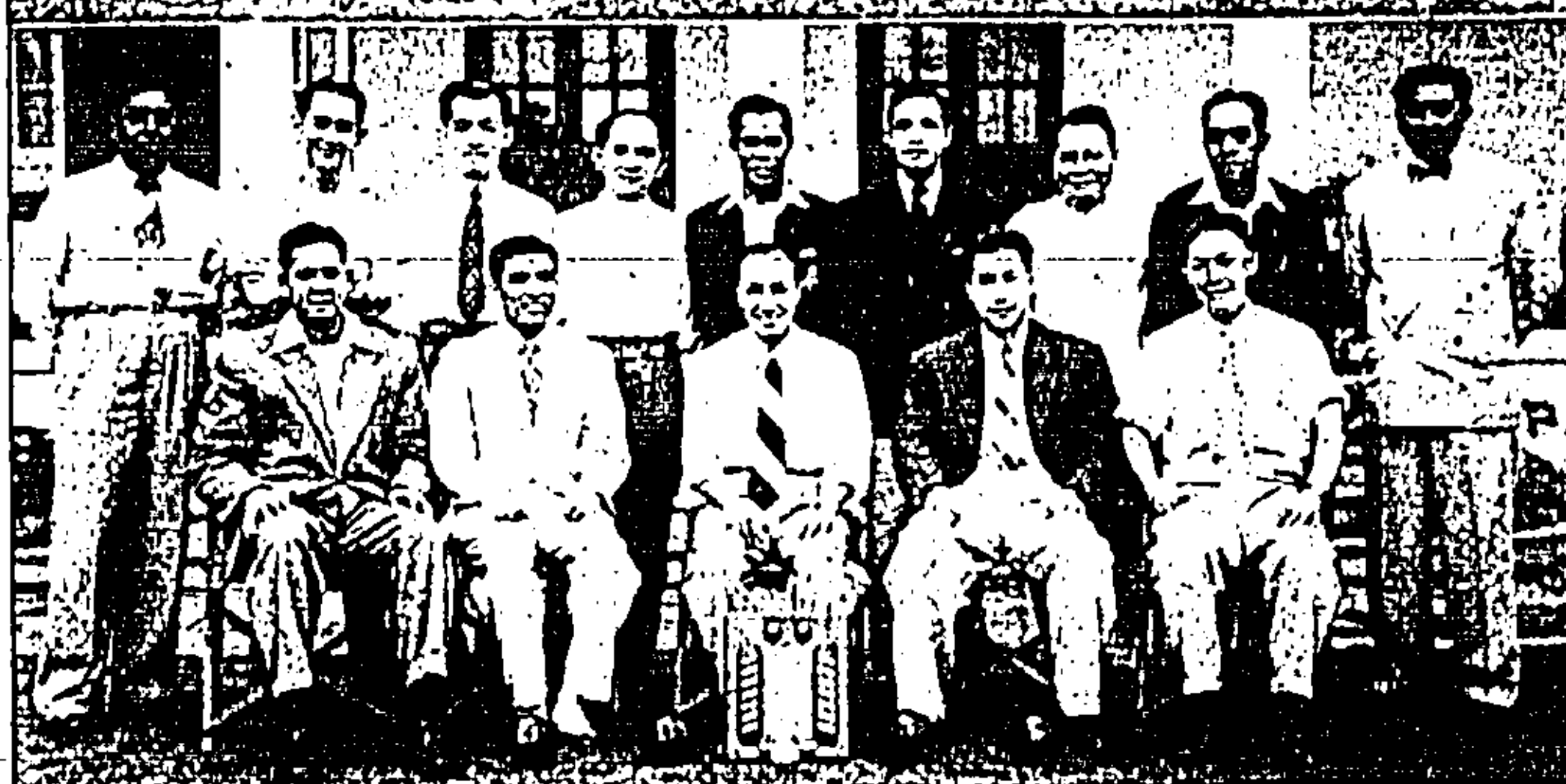
LEFT: Party given by the "Squaws" recently to celebrate their winning the ladies' junior softball championship title. (Mainland)



LEFT: Mr and Mrs D. McPeake (fourth and fifth from left, second row) celebrated their first wedding anniversary last Sunday. Picture was made at the anniversary party. (Jimmy Foo)



THE Indian Recreation Club won both the 1st and 2nd Division lawn bowls championships this year. Upper picture shows their 1st Division and lower photo the 2nd Division players. (Golden Studio)



MR J. McKelvie (right), Vice-President of the Hongkong Football Association, receiving the cup from Mr Tran-van Thuc, manager of the Saigon team, at the football interport dinner held in the Hongkong Hotel on Monday evening. (Staff Photographer)



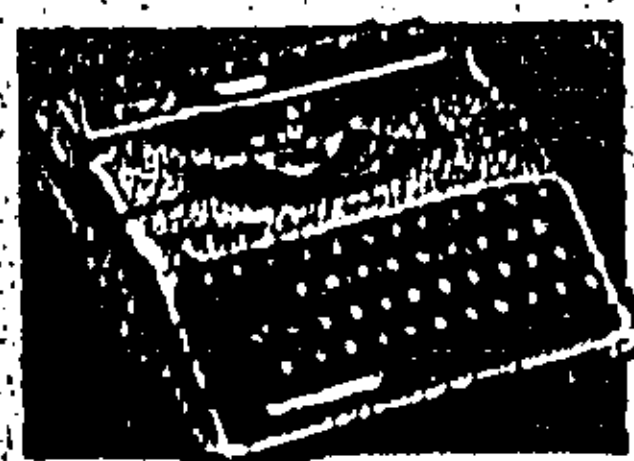
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MRS A. Cloworth presenting prizes to winners in the San Miguel Dart League at the RAF Sergeants' Mess, Kai Tak, last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



GROUP picture taken after the wedding last Saturday at the Registry of Mr Warren Wing Yip and Miss Lee May-ku. (Staff Photographer)



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"I Was Churchill's Shadow," Chapter 2, By Ex-Inspector Walter Henry Thompson

FROM ADMIRALTY TO DOWNING ST.

MR Churchill, his local Commander-in-Chief: yachting cap at a jaunty angle, was pacing the quarterdeck of HMS Rodney.

I was standing by as bodyguard—also wearing a yachting cap. I had bought it, not in imitation, but to disguise my civilian status when accompanying the First Lord on his visits to the Fleet.

The battleship was anchored in Scapa Flow, where the defences had been thoroughly overhauled after the tragedy of the Royal Oak.

As he walked up and down, Mr Churchill kept looking across at a dummy battleship and a dummy aircraft carrier moored near the vast bulk of the Hood.

Suddenly he stopped and said: "I know what's wrong with those ships. There are no seagulls round them. That would immediately be noticed by enemy planes. I must arrange to have food thrown from the neighbouring ships, so that seagulls will hover round the dummies."

That incident was typical of the Old Man's eye for detail. Nothing was too small to escape his notice, nothing too unimportant for his personal attention.

At the end of 1939 he paid a visit of inspection to naval establishments at Weymouth. When he had finished he said to the

"Not much entertainment here for the men, is there?"

Immediately he got down to details—and before he left plans had been drawn up for off-duty amusements and entertainments for the officers and ratings.

On the return journey from this visit I made a mistake which called down Mr Churchill's wrath upon me—and he does not mince words.

We had driven to the station in a car, and I was in charge of two official boxes of papers. When we reached the platform the luggage was dumped at one end, and Mr Churchill immediately strode off to the other.

There were a number of strangers on the platform, and my place was near Mr Churchill. So I put the official boxes down with the luggage, where I thought the remainder of our party would watch over them.

When the train came in, the baggage was put on board, and I accompanied Mr Churchill to his compartment. I asked if the boxes were on board, and was told they were. So I went to collect a third official box which had just been brought by messenger from London.

And then I returned to Mr Churchill's compartment and found—I sweat now when I think of it—that the boxes were missing.

I checked with the valet, the messenger from London, Mr Churchill's secretary. They all thought the boxes had been put on.

We were already moving out of the platform, and I went back to the First Lord to tell him what had happened.

"I am going to try and stop the train, Sir," I told him.

But the travelling railway inspector said we had just crossed the points on to the main line and that we could not stop before the next station. I arranged for that and went back to Mr Churchill.

He looked grim, but said nothing. I think he knew what I was feeling and that I was doing my best to make up for the blunder.

I phoned from the next station and heard to my relief that the stationmaster had found the boxes and had them in safe keeping. When I reported to Mr Churchill this time, I did get the ticking off.

"You know what danger there might have been if those boxes had got into the wrong hands," he finished grimly.

I apologised humbly and said that it was all my fault. But Mr Churchill promptly sent for his secretary, Miss Mary Shearburn, and gave her a dressing-down in the same terms. She also took the entire blame for the disaster.

By this time he realised that we were trying to shield each other, and a twinkle came into his eyes.

"You had both better be more careful in future," he said.

Later he spoke to me kindly about the care I had always taken in guarding his boxes, and said: "I am sure the lapse was not entirely your fault."

But I blamed myself for the whole incident, though it was the first mistake I had made in travelling thousands of miles with him in charge of similar boxes.

One of the first things Mr Churchill did on his appointment as First Lord in 1939 was to establish his War Room. He put Captain R. P. Pim, RNVR, in charge, and this officer converted the lovely library overlooking the Horse Guards Parade at Admiralty House into the first of Mr Churchill's famous map and war rooms.

All the walls were hung with huge, coloured maps and charts, on which Captain Pim and his staff plotted the movements of ships and troops of every nation.

Special lighting was installed, and secret telephone lines communicating directly with the nerve centres of the war direction were connected. In the centre of the room was a long conference table, and there, with his colleagues, the First Lord planned the war at sea.

Mr Churchill and his family lived above the War Room in a flat on the top floor of Admiralty House. Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, First Sea Lord, and Rear-Admiral Tom Phillips, vice-Chief of Naval Staff, slept in quarters adjoining the War Room.

The War Room, which increased in elaboration as the scope of operations grew, eventually became mobile. When Mr Churchill crossed the Atlantic to visit President Roosevelt in December 1941, the War Room was fitted up in HMS Duke of York—and then, with the President's permission in the White House at Washington.

President Roosevelt was so impressed with it that he had one made for himself, modelled on Mr Churchill's. The staffs of the two war rooms continually exchanged ideas, so that by the time Mr Churchill decided to establish a bigger and better one at the Downing Street Annex in 1943, there were a number of innovations.

New kinds of lighting had been evolved. Perspex was used instead of glass to lessen the danger from bomb-blast, sliding and revolving panels were used to save space.

The War Cabinet met in the new room, and the King and Queen paid several visits. A mobile war room, in charge of Captain Pim, still accompanied Mr Churchill on his travels to all the major conferences of the war—and in September 1944, when it was set up in the Citadel at Quebec for the conference there, President Roosevelt brought his war room along and also put it in the Citadel.

But Mr Churchill had no doubt about which was the better. Right to the end of the fighting the War Room was his special pride, and I have heard him say more than once:

"My War Room is the best thing of its kind in existence."

Neither the War Room nor the Admiralty establishments kept us tied down for long at a time. In the first eight months of the war I had to accompany the First Lord on many trips to France, to Paris for meetings of the Supreme War Council, to Amiens, where Lord Gort had his headquarters as C-in-C of the British Expeditionary Force.

On January 6, 1940, I was in Metz with Mr Churchill when he was due to visit the Maginot Line. I prepared to accompany him as usual, but he ordered me to stay at the hotel and guard a secret model of a new invention which we had brought from England.

I tried to point out that my place was with him, but he cut me off abruptly, and I waited behind. When he returned he saw how upset I was, and tried to pacify me.

"Never mind, Thompson," he said. "There will be many more chances for you to see the Maginot Line."

That was one of the very few occasions when I have known Winston Churchill to be wrong in prophecy. The Maginot Line itself was to have little more chance—and I never did see it.

Next evening, after he had dined with General Georges at Villetennes, Mr Churchill called me to his room and gave me a long lecture.

"You have been carrying out a most important duty in guarding this secret model," he said. "It would be of the utmost value to enemy agents, and it is far



Mr Churchill returns to London from one of his wartime conferences with Pres. Roosevelt. On right is Mrs. Churchill.

more important for you to guard that than to look after me."

I tried to convince him that my duty was first and foremost to himself, but I did not get any sympathy. It is difficult to argue with Winston Churchill—but there have been occasions when, for his own sake, I have had to speak bluntly and force him to listen to me.

The model I was guarding was known as the "cultivator." Four months later Mr Churchill saw a demonstration of the machine at Bardeney Farm, near Waddington aerodrome, in Lincolnshire.

It was a wonderful automatic trenching machine which cut a deep, straight trench and threw up a parapet at the same time. Had trench warfare developed on the lines of the first world war it would have been a winner.

The next prophecy the Old Man made to me did come true. That also was in France, after a meeting of the Supreme War Council, headed by Mr Chamberlain and M. Daladier, then Premier of France.

After the meeting Daladier said harmony was complete and that it was the finest war council he had attended. All the statesmen and officials lined up for a photograph while I stood at the side of the group and watched.

When we returned to the British Embassy Mr Churchill made a few remarks about the meeting, then asked suddenly:

"Did you have your picture taken with the group?"

"No, Sir."

"Pity," he answered. "I am certain that the people in that group will never meet again in similar circumstances."

Within a few weeks Daladier had resigned. The fall of Chamberlain came soon afterwards.

But even in those early days we had our triumphs among the disasters—though when I tried to read the run of events from Mr Churchill's face, I was often deceived.

He could look as grim in victory as in defeat, and though he was always quick to show emotion he would remain absolutely poker-faced during the course of a battle.

So it was during the engagement in the South Atlantic which ended in the scuttling of the Graf Spee. But there was no holding the Old Man when he took part in the welcome home to the triumphant crews of the Ajax and Exeter.

After the Guildhall luncheon to the crews I had some anxious moments. I was never more

needed as a bodyguard—in trying to save him from the enthusiasm of his friends!

When he left the Guildhall he had to wait a few minutes for his car. Suddenly he was mobbed by hundreds of sailors as they came out of the building. Photographers crowded in and took pictures as the matelots, one and all, insisted on shaking hands.

I had a hard job keeping the crush off him—and tried to save the First Lord some of the pressure by shaking hands with scores of sailors myself although they had not the faintest idea who I was.

But the boys who did get near Winston were pumping his arms and hammering him on the back with whole-hearted clumps. Mr Churchill is tough, but he was no longer a youngster, and some of those boys put real beef into their pats!

I saw him wince once or twice, but he took it all in the best of spirits, grinning hugely—and he was clearly moved by the warmth of their feeling. But I was thankful when the car arrived, and I was able to edge him into it.

And so through the disillusionment and defeats of the early days we came at last to the climax of May 10, 1940. On the afternoon of that day Winston Churchill went to Buckingham Palace, where the King asked him to form a Government.

When he got out of the car on his return to the Admiralty he said, turning suddenly to me:

"You know why I have been to Buckingham Palace, Thompson?"

"Yes, Sir," I answered, and congratulated him.

He looked pleased, but he was tense and very strained. I went on: "I am very pleased that you have at last become Prime Minister, Sir, but I only wish that the position had come your way in better times, for you have taken on an enormous task."

He said gravely: "God alone knows how great it is. All I hope is that it is not too late. I am very much afraid it is. We can only do our best."

Tears came into his eyes. As he turned away, he muttered something to himself. Then he set his jaw, and with a look of determination masking all emotion, he began to climb the stairs.

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Churchill's encounter with the whistling boy... the black satin bandage... how he prepared his speeches



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THE ENGLISH ALSO LOVE A CONFERENCE . . .

Soft drinks top the agenda (but not after hours)



SCARBOROUGH You may have noticed, if you are observant, that this is the time of year when the British conference season gets going. Have you ever been to one? No? Well, what about coming to Scarborough, where the season opens today with a conference of the National Association of Soft Drink Manufacturers?

Too tame? Ha ha! that's all you know about conferences. Just you wait till all we soft drink manufacturers get together to talk about the syrups, the incidence of drinking through straws, and the wickedness of the Government's sugar policy.

For added fun let's take a soft-drink consumer along with us. My son Philip, aged 11, is just the fellow for the job. His capacity for soft drinks is astonishing.

There you are. What did I tell you? The prospect of meeting 300 lemonade kings and ginger beer barons has gone to his head immediately. He has caught the British conference spirit so well that he has knocked back three stone gingers and a fizzy lemonade before he's half-way there.

The conference was officially welcomed by the Mayor of Scarborough, Alderman Rodney Chapman. All the best conferences are welcomed by mayors.

Alderman Chapman is not a soft drinker and he said so. Then he felt in his pocket for his speech, and found that by mistake, he had brought one meant for the Red Cross. My boy, bubbling carbon dioxide, thought this was "super fun." Warned by the applause the mayor went on to say that all conferences were rackets. If you were in business for yourself your expenses came off your income tax, and if you were an employee, it was a way of getting your holiday free.

BERNARD WICKSTEED'S PRIVATE FESTIVAL
(No. 5 in the series)
takes his son to a chick-tail party . . .

Our soft drink expert laughed till his cheeks were wet with tears of elicit acid. All he could murmur was "Super."

After the mayor left the conference the delegates were given a rousing lecture on "The Future of the Soft Drinks Bottle."

My son did not attend this. He had made friends with the children of a lemonade manufacturer, and they had gone off to some serious soft drinking.

The children of soft drink manufacturers play an important part in the trade. Their fathers unable to trust their own palates, dose their offspring with quater concoctions, and note reactions.

Lordly ones

MY boy, in the company of such accomplished pop tasters, was at a disadvantage, and felt as you and I feel when people talk to us in a lordly way about the merits of unknown wines.

However, he got his own back. After a passion fruit juice, followed by a pineapple squish, and two raspberry cordials, he said: "I must be

going now. I have to return to the Press table."

After the morning session the delegates adjourned to the bar for lunch. On all sides the talk was about the seven-ounce bottle, the family-sized bottle, and the suggested abolition of the "baby."

A man standing next to me said: "There is only one thing for it. We shall have to educate the public up to drinking straight from the bottle."

It was a curious thing. Although everyone was talking about the soft-drink trade no one seemed to be supporting it. Unlike well-brought-up children, soft drinks were heard about but not seen.

Refreshment

It was the same in the evening, after my junior reporter had retired with a bottle of pop by his bed for the morning.

Refreshment flowed like water, but it was not mineral water. One manufacturer came to me and said: "If you want to taste something really good come up to my room."

He opened a cupboard and if you expected me to see rows of bottles containing brilliant-hued, exotic fluids you don't know your British conference. All that the bottles contained was a beverage made in Scotland. And they were all full—when we started.

The conference continues until Tuesday, and one of the attractions tomorrow is a chick-tail party. The hosts are the junior film stars Janette Scott and William Fox. And the object is to test just how much pop can be consumed by 50 orphans. In one afternoon, Ambulances call at five.

I have delegated my assistant to attend. He says it's going to be super-fun finding out.

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If it's a case of QUALITY...

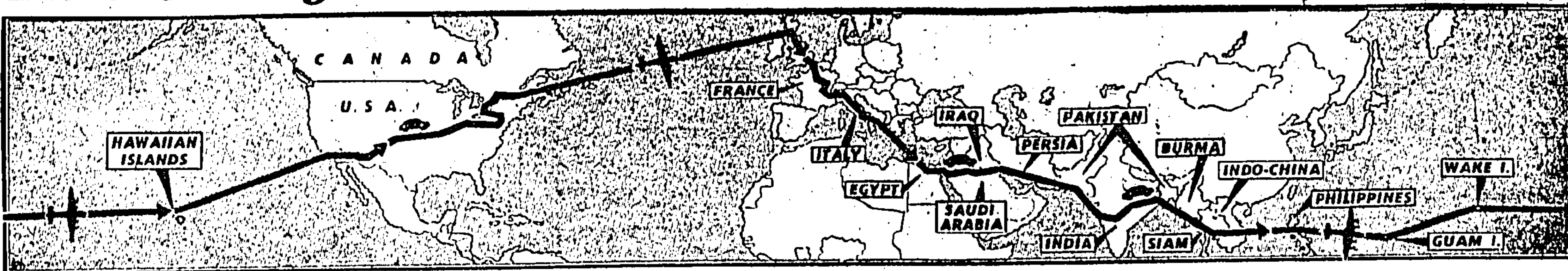
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MANY BRITISH JOKES MAKE FUN OVERSEAS

If the head waiter at a London hotel sees an enormous ink blob on one of his table-cloths the chances are that "the Australian in No 6" is to blame.

And if he hears the crash of breaking crockery behind him as he bends to mop up the ink it will probably be the same guest, airing his sense of humour.

To satisfy that sense of humour, practical joke manufacturers in Britain are working overtime turning out rubber-tipped pencils, exploding theatre tickets, non-lathering soap, disintegrating match-boxes, and many other "gags."

Production is being stepped up in preparation for the BIF, which begins on Monday.

Biggest overseas customer at the moment is Australia, with America second.

to Manston, Kent (where special R.A.F. permission had to be granted) for flight to Paris.

And if all goes well, within a month it will be on the road from Prestwick in Ayrshire speeding through the night to London Airport, Staines, A complete globe circle.

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SIR EDWIN shows how to have a row in the GRAND MANNER

(with some help from SIR HERBERT)

BOOKS

by . . . GEORGE
MALCOLM THOMSON.

THE LIFE OF SIR EDWIN LUTYENS. By Christopher Hussey. (One of four volumes of The Lutyens Memorial). Country Life. £26 5s.

WHEN Sir Edwin Lutyens brought his old friend, Sir Herbert Baker, into partnership over the designing of a centre of government at New Delhi, he set the stage for a quarrel over something very simple: the steepness of a street.

But this steepness occurred in the professional way leading to Viceroy's House. Lutyens's masterpiece, and the incline was so sharp that nothing could be seen of the house, at a critical point, but a pimple in the middle of the road. The pimple became very irritating to Sir Edwin, perhaps because he had nobody but himself to blame. Baker had been assigned the task of designing twin secretariats on both sides of Viceroy's House and somewhat in front of it.

Obviously, these buildings must share the high ground on which the house would stand. Obviously the house, which had a beautiful dome in the middle, must be pushed back from the crest. And obviously it would be a thoroughly bad idea if a gradual upward slope to the house caused a deep trench to be dug between the two secretariats.

All this did not prevent Lutyens from raising shrill outcries when he realised, too late, how his beautiful dome was going to be hidden. Baker could point to a document in which Lutyens had agreed to the steep approach. Lutyens protested that he had not known what he was signing; besides, Baker had sent a sketch to London giving an entirely wrong idea of how things were going to look.

Lutyens was hurt, cruel and witty. In the Indian climate it is easy to launch unkind epigrams, but only elephants have thick skins. He felt he had been double-crossed and found that he did not think much of Baker as an architect, either.

This grand row was interwoven with minor rows: ROW with a Viceroy who wanted the buildings to have horse-shoe arches, more "oriental." Lutyens, wanting round arches, asked "Who designed the rainbow?" and won.

ROW with cheese - paring Government whose economies resulted in the Viceroy's having to mount 45 steps and traverse 300 feet of corridor to reach her bedroom.

ROW with one Viceroyne which ended only with Lutyens's apology: "I will wash your feet with my tears and dry them with my hair. It is true I have very little hair, but you have very little feet."

ROW with a later Viceroyne who wanted everything decorated in mauve. "This should be called Bedlamore," declared Lutyens.

The main clash, with Baker, was a clash of temperaments. Baker was practical, always willing to compromise so as to get on with the job. Lutyens said: "A few months won't matter in 50 years' time."

He went off to Buckingham Palace to win over King George V. He did—but the Government of India would not budge from the Baker standpoint. Lutyens had met, as he said, his Baker-look.

The story has a happy ending. Years after, when Lutyens was proposed as president of the Royal Academy, Baker voted for him.

MINK ON WEEKDAYS. By Felicia Lamport. Gollancz. 16s. 309 pages.

FELICIA wrote this book so that you and I might know what it feels like to live in a rich, eccentric Jewish family on Fifth Avenue, with a lot of gold and, formerly, the property of the great silver dishes that had

graced the board of Diamond Jim Brady, and Mother. If you can squeeze another book in the shelf that begins with Life with Father, this might be the one.

There were only two things to do with a woman like Mother and the other one was write a book about her. The strength of the matriarchal tradition in Jewish families being what it is, Felicia wrote the book.

Mother once taught a school of large delinquent boys; her attitude to her family is governed by this experience. Two things she takes seriously: religion and golf. She talks like a nice man composing a telegram and rules her household with a nibble of iron.

As Father says, "She does not make just plain sense, but a kind of inspired, flamboyant sense." But Father is a hearty man. He thinks that being Jewish is as much fun as being a good Jew.

He likes making money. Mother enjoys spending it. There you have the foundations of a happy home. When she gives a chop suey party, she buys 200 Chinese costumes for her guests. When she entertains a few friends on the beach on Long Island, 100 turn up. Mother cooks for them on a specially made electric cooker that deals with 52 frankfurters at a time.

Any spare time this remarkable character has, she devotes to the education of her two young daughters, Sara (preppy) and Felicia (fat). She is determined they shall learn most modern languages and enter the diplomatic service (if they do not become opera singers) and for this reason engages a series of foreign governesses. Madeleine is the one who stays longest.

She is thin, genteel and opposed to the use of "damn"

by young girls. Father is allowed to do it because "gentlemen have problems of great seriousness and their emotions are extremely powerful." When they do not seem to be much at school—Sara and Felicia are being taken abroad in luxurious liners, so luxurious hotels. They achieve fluent French and Felicia achieves silliness, through a heroic diet of grapes. They meet one crook, several gigolos and learn the facts of life.

It is a gay but mighty exhausting life. As Felicia's friend Pat says, "There is such a thing as having to submit to so many privileges that you wind up under-privileged."

"Mink on Weekdays" affords an amusing, inconsequential glimpse of a group of clever people struggling manfully with the problem of what to do with all that money. Not in the same class as Life with Father, it is starker in the same race.

★ In Cork on the Water (Michael Joseph, 9s. 6d.), MacDonald Hastings sandwiches a thriller between a fine opening account of salmon fishing and a fine closing ditto. The sandwich suffers from the prevailing meal shortage.

Very glossy, accomplished novel for the leisure of not-too-unfamiliar readers is Hamilton Basso's The Green-room (Museum Press, 9s. 6d.). Central figure is Mrs. Leslie Porter, rich woman, novelist, not so gracious as at first she seems.

★ A good deal of sense on a subject that has provoked an inordinate amount of rubbish will be found in Anthony West's D. H. Lawrence (coming from Arthur Barker at 6s.). Was Lawrence a hysteric with an eye to the main chance? This book will help you to make up your mind.

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The SNAPSHOT GUILD



Here's a nice print to enlarge, particularly if crumpled along the dotted lines so that the heart of the picture is blown up.

CROPPING—YOUR PRINTS

SEVERAL weeks ago we showed two pictures of the same scene, cropped somewhat differently. One, as we pointed out, made a better composition than the other. All because of the cropping. But cropping a picture can do more than merely improve composition.

Suppose, for example, you use a box camera and make a fine picture of a child. Chances are the picture was taken from eight or more feet away from your subject. The child—the point of interest in the picture—doesn't come close to filling the picture area of the print.

So, if you wish a good enlargement, you'll try cropping the print. Cropping, as you know, means trimming away the superfluous part of a print in order to improve its appearance. The best way to do it is to take two L-shaped pieces of cardboard and place them on

the print to form a hollow square or rectangle. Then shift them around until you get exactly the picture you want inside the area which they embrace.

Trim your picture accordingly. Use the trimmed print as a guide in making enlargements or having them made. Instead of blowing up the whole picture you blow up the heart of it, and improve your shot in the process.

Remember, cropping offers a way to better most prints you will make. Even the best professional use it and use it frequently. For while good pictures always begin in lining a picture up in your viewfinder, often it's necessary to include more of a scene in your negative than you will either want or need in the finished print.

John van Guilder

'The car should do the trip in 30 days,' says Cardew

LONDON.

ON Friday, June 1, I am setting out to report the most fascinating news story of a motor-car that has come my way this year. I expect to be away a month, and to travel nearly 30,000 miles.

It will be a bid by four of Britain's toughest road drivers to motor round the world in 30 days in the new A40 sports car. They will take the eastern route to America by way of the Middle East, India and Honolulu. Over the oceans the team and the car will travel by plane.

If things go to plan they will arrive in Montreal, fly back to Scotland, and motor down to their starting point at London Airport.

Austins are not only supplying the small sports car and the four drivers. They are chartering from K.L.M. Airlines a specially adapted four-engined Skymaster to act as flying tender.

NON-STOP RACE

This round-the-world effort is aimed to prove to the world what an expertly driven British car can do when raced non-stop round that world.

I shall fly above the car to record its desert, jungle, and sea-crossing adventures. The audacious plan sprang from a half-crown wager made by Mr. Leonard Lord, Chairman of Austins, with bold but tough Alan Hess, his 51-year-old public relations officer.

It was shortly after Hess—who holds 185 motoring records—more than anyone else in

the world—had driven 10,000 miles in 10,000 minutes in an Austin car, and the two were in Mr. Lord's Longbridge, Birmingham, office.

HALF CROWN BET

Lord said he had been struck with an idea while driving to his office that morning—the round-the-world bid. "I'll bet you there is something you can't do," he said.

Lord replied: "I'll bet you half a dollar you can't drive round the world in 30 days."

Hess accepted. The car he chose is the first open-bodied model on the famous A40 chassis.

As his team he chose:—Ex-Squadron Leader Ralph Sleigh, 39, who, in an Austin, made the fastest-ever run from Britain to the Cape. Sleigh is a paint man, is married, has a child, lives near Ipswich.

Tester mechanic Ronald Jeavons, 32, who shared with Hess and two others the feat of cramming 10,000 miles into 10,000 minutes in a saloon A40. Jeavons is a bachelor, served seven years in the R.A.F., lives in Birmingham.

Car-tester George Coates, 48, who, with Alan at Indianapolis, averaged 70.54 miles an hour for seven days and nights in an A40. Coates prepared vehicles for D-Day under the Americans. He is a family man (three children), lives at Rubery, near Birmingham. So not one of them on age is a chicken.

The team will work in pairs, way through Kingston down

to Manston, Kent (where special R.A.F. permission had to be granted) for flight to Paris.

And if all goes well, within a month it will be on the road from Prestwick in Ayrshire speeding through the night to London Airport, Staines, A complete globe circle.

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They will fly along with me in the plane piloted by K.L.M.'s top pilot—Captain J. J. Bak. Hess decided that the car and the mother plane should be able to talk together. Arranging this was perhaps his hardest task. A special short-wave set had to be fitted in the car.

JUNE HEAT

Then he had to get radio operating permits from each of the 16 territories the car will pass through—England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, India, Siam, Guam, Wake Island, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada (including Newfoundland).

The total route involves travelling a daily average of 1,000 miles, of which one-third will be overland and two-thirds be ocean crossing.

Across the Syrian and Arizona deserts the car will travel in the full blast of June heat, so it will be fitted with a white hood to throw off the sun's rays. In India the drivers expect to meet the monsoons.

The start: 11 a.m. from London Airport on Friday, June 1. The car will nose its way through Kingston down

Party Of Schoolboys May Go To Russia By Bus

Leicester. MR C. Anson Smith, headmaster of Rushey Mead Boys' School, Leicester, who took a party of his schoolboys to Spain by double-decker bus last summer, is planning a similar trip in August to Moscow.

"I am hoping to get things moving soon," he told me. "It will be a much more difficult task than going to Spain. Perhaps it will come off, and perhaps it will not."

"The running of the vehicle will present few difficulties, as there are no mountains to negotiate, such as we had when we went to Spain. "Our biggest difficulty will be

to get permission from the German, Polish and Russian authorities to go through their territories. We shall also, of course, have to have the permission of our Foreign Office."

"I think it would be a good thing, in several ways, if a party of boys could go to Russia. It cannot possibly do any harm."

"I think it would be a very nice gesture on the part of the Russian authorities if this could be arranged."

The proposed tour would last five weeks. Average age of the boys is 14.

The bus which would be used again is an old Leicester Corporation bus which has been renovated and bears the name Spirit of Leicester, and illustrations of the city's industries.

Last year the chief driver was the father of one of the boys, a Mr. Page, who is a long-distance passenger coach driver. Mr. Anson Smith hopes that Mr. Page will be able to drive them again this year.

The distance from Leicester to Moscow, by road and sea, is approximately 1,700 miles.



—THIS DREAM MEANS:

This is another exhibitionistic dream which indicates that, during the previous day, in an attempt to show off your personality and exhibit your prowess, you over-reached yourself and were made to feel silly. This feeling of being shown up in public still rankles.

In the effort to compete with others, i.e., in the race—you find yourself on a conspicuous but inappropriate mount and in an appropriate garb. In the midst of your folly you wear conventional



garb and cling grimly to your hat; the last remnant of respectability. "Picnicking in the street with a cow" may indicate that you have been flaunting a rather stupid companion in an effort to enhance your prestige; but her stupidity is unfortunately too obvious. This is a very tentative interpretation which would have to be checked up—as every interpretation must be—by further discussion with the dreamer.

It all suggests that it might be wise to crawl modestly into your shell for a day or two until your confidence returns.

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The Australian women's cricket team now on its way to Britain is going to make history. The players will wear uniform throughout the tour.

It is to consist of gored, grey skirts; white blouses buttoned to the neck; grey Australian hats; shoes, stockings and gloves, and basters with the national crest.

Their first appearance on the cricket field is in Kent on May 1.

The baby of the team is 16-year-old Gladys Phillips, who will celebrate her 19th birthday on June 8. She is a right-hand bat, a slow bowler and a wicket-keeper.

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"BENLAVERS"	do	30th May
"BENCRUACHAN"	do	8th June

SAILINGS Loading on or abt.

"BENAVON"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hull	30th Apr.
"BENALDANACH"	Kobe, Yokohama, Nagoya & Osaka	30th Apr.
"BENVENUE"	Liverpool, Dublin & Rotterdam	16th May
"BENLAVERS"	London, Antwerp & Rotterdam	2nd June
"BENCRUACHAN"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Antwerp	19th June

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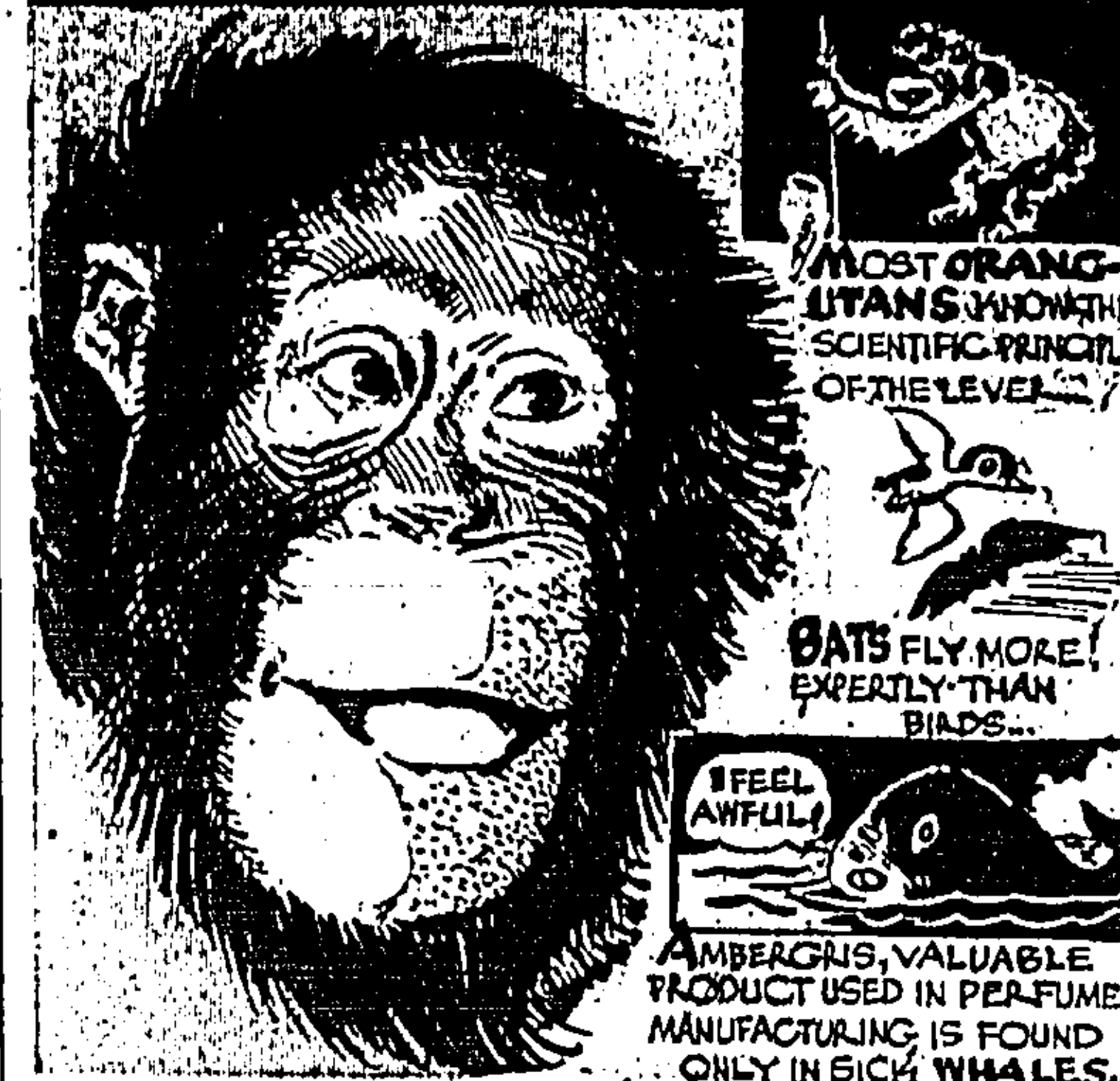
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of Old Maid, one card being drawn from the player on the left after dealing cards to all players. Like pairs are discarded. The drawing and discarding continues until one player holds the onion and the winning player holds the much-to-be-desired orchid.

GARDEN STICKS: Cut from catalogues and paste on small sticks broad on one end and pointed at the other, make good garden markers for your own garden or to sell to your neighbourhood gardeners. Outline your vegetable cutout with pencil. Apply a light coat of paste to the back and press the picture on the broad part of the stick. Put a weight over the cut-out picture until it is dry. Apply a coat of colourless shellac.

MEASURE RAIN YOURSELF

By Julia W. Wolfe

LAST summer when New York City had no water for its hands, but plenty of water worries on its mind, the Boys Club of America decided to make a rain gauge. You can easily make one and the material for one can be obtained without difficulty.

Your materials are:

A tin can with straight sides.
Several strips of wood about an inch wide.
An aluminium or tin funnel with the top the same diameter of the can (not smaller).
A glass gauge tube with a tight cork for the can.
A jelly jar or jelly glass with a tin cover.

A triangular wooden block one inch thick and 6 inches on each side.
A piece of oiled paper to place in the bottom of the jelly jar for the glass tube to rest on.
Some string to tie around the strips.

A graduated tube is used, according to the Weather Bureau manager who told the boys how to make gauge, because greater accuracy is obtained than if only the can were set up and the rain measured in it.

YOU must find the relationship of the tube to the can. You can do this by geometry, but the easiest way is simply to fill the tube with water and dump it in the can, then measure the depth of the water in the can. For example, if a full tube of water fills one inch in the can, then you can mark off the tube in eighths or tenths and get an accurate check on the rainfall.

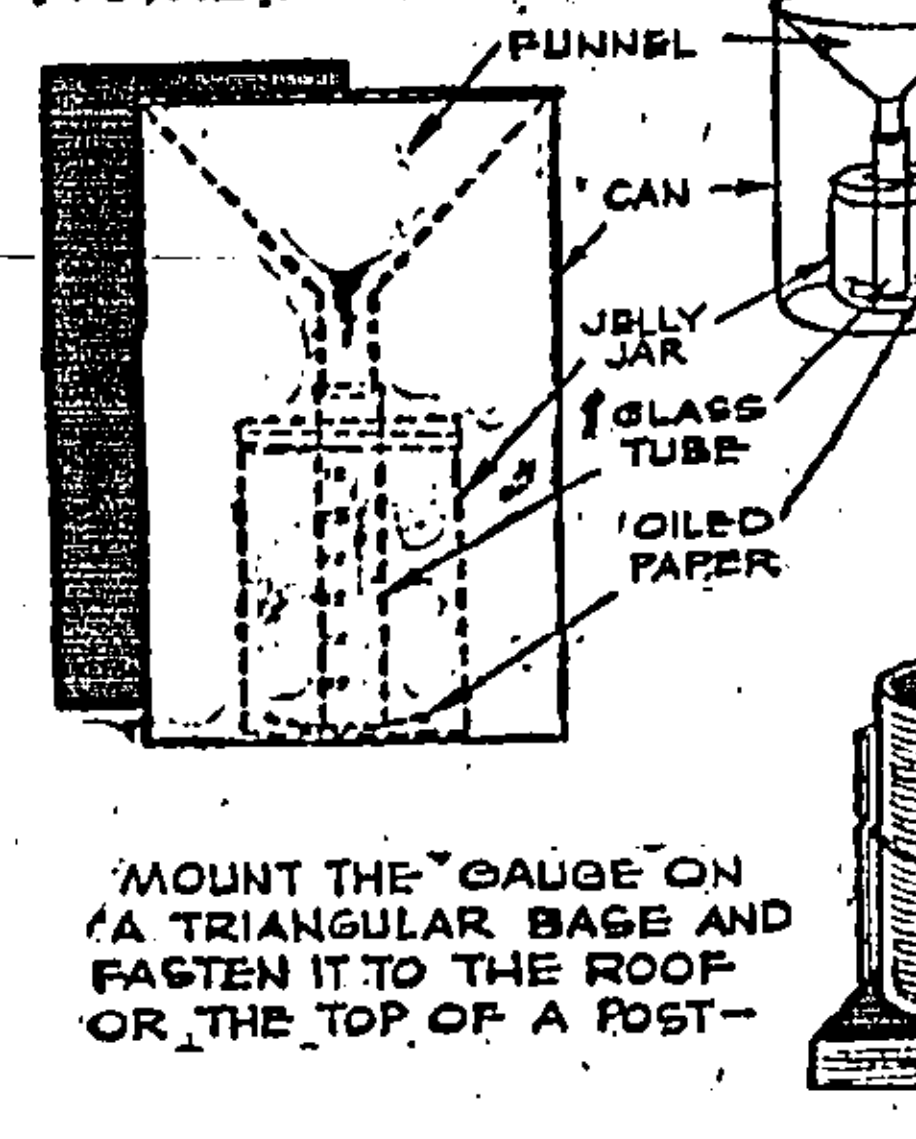
Make the graduations on the tube by placing thin strips of gummed labels at the proper places and by coating the paper with melted paraffin or varnish to prevent it from washing off. After you have marked the tube, cut out the bottom of the can and hammer down the rough edges. The can will then be open at both ends like a cylinder.

The bottle is to catch the overflow when there is a heavy rain, amounting to more than a tubeful. You can measure the overflow by pouring it into the original tubeful. In the tin cover of the bottle, you must cut a hole a little larger than the tube. The funnel should not fit tightly in the tube, or an error will result.

TACK the strips of thin wood to the block with one tack each, so that you can easily move them aside to disconnect the apparatus and empty it after each rain. When connected the strips are tied to the can and the whole apparatus is firm. To prevent rust, coat the can, funnel and cover with paint or paraffin. The block and the strips should also receive a coat of paint. The can and the funnel may be connected if desired, to prevent error from leakage due to jars or from handling. Now you have a good looking instrument.

When you have completed your rain gauge, fasten it to the top of a post, or on the roof in a place where there is nothing to project it from wind. It is possible, when you place on a standard official rain gauge, and record the rain, that you discover

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The Topsy-Turvy House

By MAX TRELL

"Ah, welcome my friends, welcome!" Mr. Merlin the Magician exclaimed cheerfully. Knarf and Hand, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, had just stepped out of Mr. Merlin's doorway. Mr. Merlin's door was hardly anyone but Knarf and Hand ever knew where it was! And Mr. Merlin himself had just opened the door.

Usually Mr. Merlin wore his regular magician's clothes, which consisted of a long gown with the stars and the moon embroidered on it, and a tall pointed hat. Sometimes a parrot stood on Mr. Merlin's shoulder, or a owl, or a black kitten. But today, much to the surprise of Knarf and Hand, the only thing on Mr. Merlin's shoulder was a broom!

"My whole house is topsy-turvy," he said. "I'm putting things to rights. Have you ever seen a topsy-turvy house?" he asked as he started down his balloon-elevator with Knarf and Hand beside him. (A balloon-elevator, just in case you've never seen one, is like a regular elevator except that it has a balloon attached to the top of it which lets it up and down. No one ever has balloon-elevators in their houses but magicians, of course!)

"A topsy-turvy house?" repeated Hand. "Oh yes, I know what that is, Mr. Merlin!" "Everything is in its wrong place," said Mr. Merlin. "But I bet," he added, still smiling, "you've never in your whole life seen a topsy-turvy house like mine!"

By this time the balloon-elevator had stopped. Mr. Merlin opened the door and said: "All out!" Then they found themselves in the middle of Mr. Merlin's topsy-turvy rooms.

He was absolutely right, as Knarf and Hand discovered the next instant. Things were more topsy-turvy than they had ever before seen in their whole lives!

On the walls The first thing that struck them was that all the furniture—the chairs, the tables, the lamps and the rugs—had all somehow got themselves stuck on the ceiling, and were hanging there in the most curious and alarming way.



The furniture was on the ceiling.

pictures were standing in the windows, pretending to be the views that you saw when you looked outside.

The piano was upside down. The clock was running backwards and telling yesterday's time.

The mirror stuck its tongue out when Knarf and Hand looked into it.

A mouse ran across the room chasing after a cat; and the cat was chasing the dog.

The fire in the fireplace went up the chimney, and the smoke came into the room.

"You see," Mr. Merlin said, "everything is topsy-turvy. It's going to take me the rest of the day to get everything to rights again."

When Hand asked Mr. Merlin how all the things in his house had got themselves so mixed up, Mr. Merlin simply said: "Magicians' houses aren't like ordinary houses, you know. Strange things happen. Why, I wouldn't be a bit surprised if—everything vanished right this minute!"

And to Knarf and Hand's astonishment, everything did, including Mr. Merlin himself!

Rupert and the Castaway—30



The sharks go with Rupert and the Castaway. I believe they're hoping I shall fall overboard," he says nervously, and whenever they come too close he splashes with his paddle furiously in the water. "I'll then them off," he says, and then they all laugh.

GAMES YOU WILL LIKE

HERE are some games you can play the year around no matter what the weather may be. When it is storming or cold, they will be quite as much fun indoors as when played outdoors under ideal conditions of sunshine and warmth.

"Hide and Seek" turned around is a game called "Sardines". Instead of the person who is it going to find the other players, in Sardines he goes and hides. Then all the others must find him. Each one searches by himself. When one finds him, this player must hide very quietly beside it. As one after another of the players stumble upon the hiding spot, "the reason" for enlisting the game Sardines, becomes clear. For the players will be crowded into a small space just like sardines in a tin.

If you can find a lot of toy animals, you can have an Animal Race. Give each player an animal. Lay out a string path over which the animals are to race. Make this course as difficult as you can, by twisting it around the edge of the rug, the legs of the table, under a chair, behind the



plano or other large piece of furniture.

If you play outdoors make the path around bushes, flowers, the sundial or fountain. Put down a marker every two feet. Spin a wheel or throw dice to see how many moves your entry can leap ahead. If the wheel stops at 1, the player can go only to the first marker. If at 2, the racer gets to the second marker and so on.

It is a nice idea to have a prize for the first one to finish. This might be a bag of small candies with enough pieces to go around the entire crowd so that everyone can enjoy the race.

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1951, at 12 noon, for the
purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors to-
gether with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ended
31st March, 1951, and for the
election of Directors and the
appointment of Auditors.

The Register and Transfer
Books of the Company will
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**JOHN D. HUMPHREYS &
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General Managers.

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NOTICE

A. S. WATSON & COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders
Extraordinary General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, will
be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Saturday,
19th May, 1951, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of considering
and if thought fit passing the subjoined resolution as a
Special Resolution.

"That the Memorandum and Articles of Association
submitted to this Meeting and subscribed by the Chair-
man hereof be hereby approved and that pursuant to
Sections 7 and 309 of the Companies Ordinance 1932 the
form of the Company's constitution be altered by
substituting such Memorandum of Association and such
Articles of Association for the Company's Deed of Settle-
ment dated the 16th day of June, 1885 and for all regula-
tions of the Company subsequently made and now in
force, and that the Directors be hereby authorised to
apply to the Court to confirm this Resolution under the
said Ordinance."

A print of the proposed Memorandum and Articles of
Association is available and may be seen at the registered
office of the Company at 1st floor Gloucester Building Victoria
Hong Kong at any time during the Company's usual business
hours.

For the information of shareholders an Explanatory
Statement is being prepared showing the matter which
will now be found in the Memorandum and indicating the nature
of the alterations and additions made by the proposed New
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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LIMITED.

General Managers.
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Australians Going To Polls Today

Stalemate Likely In Senate Again

Melbourne, Apr. 27.

Electoral experts here believe that the voting in the General Election being held throughout Australia tomorrow may well result in a stalemate in the Senate.

In that case, the only solution would appear to be a referendum in which the country would be asked to sanction a change in the Constitution to allow an alteration in the method of voting for the Senate.

At present the Senate is elected by a system of proportional representation. At the last elections, in 1949, this resulted in a Labour majority of 18 in the Senate—although a sharp swing away from Labour gave the present Government a majority of 27 in an enlarged House of Representatives of 121.

It was this Labour majority in the Senate which led the Prime Minister, Mr. Robert G. Menzies, to appeal to the country after only 16 months in office.

The Senate, he declared, was "making monkey" of him by blocking legislation. Of the 112 candidates standing for election to the 60 seats in the Senate tomorrow, 48 are considered to be safe. They represent the two main parties in equal numbers from each State.

Now, with the total voting population apparently almost equally divided between Labour and the Government, experts forecast that the major groups will each win a total of 30 seats.

In any case, a clear picture is unlikely to be obtained on polling day. The system of Senate voting and transference of votes is so complex that it may be a month, six weeks or even longer before the position is known.

EXPERT OPINION

Meanwhile, back room men who usually know what is most likely to happen appear to be convinced that if the political pendulum is swinging at all against the Government, it has not been on the move long enough and will not swing far enough to unseat Mr. Menzies and his Coalition.

When, 16 months ago, the Liberal-Country Party Coalition swept to power in one of the biggest landslides in Australian politics, the electorate had had eight years of Labour rule, wartime restrictions and controls of commodities and capital. Prices were soaring. There had been an attempt to nationalise banking and other moves had been made towards Labour's objective of socialisation.

When Parliament had run its course and the statutory appeal to the electors opened, the Liberal and Country Parties which had been in opposition to Labour got closer together and fought the election on the same platform and under the same policy. They promised greater freedom from a "Yoke" to put value back into the pound and asked for a mandate to outlaw the Communist Party as a subversive, destructive body undermining the economy by instigating a hold-up of industry.

CHIEF ISSUES

The electorate converted a Labour majority of 14 over all other parties in the House of Representatives of 74 voting members into a minority of 27 in a chamber enlarged to 121 voting members.

An additional two members representing the Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory (Canberra) have restricted voting power.

But Labour, with a big block of Senators not having to seek re-election and the help of the system of proportionate representation, won a working majority in the Senate—and the possibility of blocking the Government's legislation.

To remove this deadlock, Mr. Menzies applied for and was granted a complete dissolution of both Houses.

In the election campaign, he has appealed to the electorate to reaffirm the 1949 mandate. But he asked that it be made effective by ensuring a working majority in the Upper House.

Without it, he will be where he was 10 months ago—instructed to govern but without the power to govern.

He has made the outlawing of Communism, the stabilisation of the economy and the

Mangoes For Britain

New Delhi, Apr. 27.

Mangoes, India's most characteristic and luscious fruit, will be on sale in Britain this summer. The Agricultural Department of Uttar Pradesh State, the home of some of India's best mangoes, proposes to send consignments to London by air as soon as the mango season starts next month.

Experimental consignments flown to England last summer showed that mangoes picked half ripe could survive the 6,000-mile journey without deterioration.—Reuter.

No Fresh Peace Proposal

Lake Success, Apr. 27.

The 12-nation Asian-Arab group of the United Nations has drafted no new proposal for negotiating a Korean settlement, one of its delegates said today.

He said that there had been no meeting of the group since they considered the North Korean communication to the President of the United Nations General Assembly on April 18.

That was before the military situation in Korea flared into the Communist Spring offensive. At their last meeting, the Asian-Arab group was reported to have decided to seek the official reactions of Communist China and the leading Western delegates to the cable from Pyongyang.

They were also reported to have decided to study the "resolutions of the World Peace Council" which had been invoked by North Korea as offering a basis for peace.

An Asian spokesman said today that nothing concrete had been received by way of clarification from the Communists. Sir Bengali Narsing Rao, of India, had been away in Canada for the past five days, and he was the main source of authoritative information on which a new study of the situation could be based, the spokesman said.

The informant said that it had never been the intention of the Asian-Arab group to make peace gestures that were doomed to futility from the outset and the outlook at present did not appear any more propitious than a week ago, when the Western spokesman regarded the North Korean communication as not meriting consideration as a genuine peace move.—Reuter.

B-29 Crashes

London, Apr. 27.

An American Superfortress crashed in the Azores today, killing 11 and seriously injuring five of the crew. The aircraft, with a crew of 18, crashed at Lagens Airfield, in the Azores.

The Superfortress crashed while attempting to land at the air field with engine trouble, reports said. It had flown from the United States.—Reuter.

Jaguar Triumph

Zandvoort, Holland, Apr. 27.

Ian Appleyard, of Britain, driving a British Jaguar, won the third International Tullip Motocycle Rally which ended here today.

Appleyard had his wife as co-driver. Second were the Swiss driver, R. Habersauter and W. Morning, also in a Jaguar. The competitors started from points in Holland, France, Belgium, Britain, Switzerland, Italy, Monte Carlo and Copenhagen.—Reuter.

Four Jain In Rouen Explosion

Rouen, Apr. 27.

An explosion of 3,000 bottles of gas in a factory here last night killed four workmen and seriously injured four others.

Another worker was reported to be missing. Four violent explosions rocked the town and smashed every window within seven miles of the factory.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Mummie! You're going out without your shirt!"

DON'T WANT ELECTIONS

Rangoon, Apr. 27.

All political parties in Burma have asked for a third postponement of Burma's first general election.

The parties do not want the election held until the country is more settled, they told the Election Supervisory Commission. Elections in most parts of the country would not be free and fair under the constant threat of insurgents and intimidation by private armies.

Earlier this month, the Election Supervisory Commission announced in Rangoon that polling in 112 of the 250 Burmese constituencies would be completed by June 15 this year.

The elections have already been postponed twice before owing to internal unrest.—Reuter.

STIKKER ELECTED

Paris, Apr. 27.

The 18-nation Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation today unanimously re-elected Dr. Dirk Stikker, the Netherlands Foreign Minister, as Chairman of the OEEC for 1951.—Reuter.

Big Fight Cancelled

New York, Apr. 27.

Jake LaMotta, former World Middleweight Boxing Champion, said today that he was giving up his contract rights for a return title bout with the present holder, Sugar Ray Robinson, because of weight problems.

Robinson beat LaMotta on a 15-rounds technical knockout Feb. 14 this year. A return title bout was to have been held in June.

LaMotta said that he could no longer make the middleweight limit without weakening himself but would like to fight Robinson again at 165 pounds. He intended to campaign for a crack at Joey Maxim's Lightweight title.

"I am willing to meet any light-heavyweight contender to earn the right to fight Maxim," he told Jim Norris, the President of the International Boxing Club.

The I.B.C. had planned to stage the LaMotta-Robinson return.—Reuter.

Mail Notices

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SATURDAY, APRIL 28

By Air
Formosa, 3 p.m., C.A.T.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Europe, 5 p.m.

By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m., 4:30 p.m., as Yu
Mien/Tak Shing
China, Peoples Republic, 9:30 a.m., 5 p.m., train via Canton.
Siam, 2 p.m., as Bangkok.
Formosa, 3 p.m., as Shantung.
Malaya, 2 p.m., as Hol Houw.
Philippines, 3 p.m., as Manila.

By Surface
Indo-China, 3 p.m., as San
Chai.
Borneo, 3 p.m., as New
Sumatra.
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SUNDAY, APRIL 29

By Air
Philippines, B.N. Borneo, 5 p.m.,
via C.P.A.
Formosa, 5 p.m., H.K. Airways.
Macao, 1 p.m., as Kwong Tung.
Japan, Nippon, 5 p.m., as Pioneer
Dair.

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Formosa, 2 p.m., via C.A.T.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Europe, 5 p.m.

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